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# DRAMATIC CLUB'S EIRE WINS PLUNKET MEDAL **GAUCHERIE**

### Firstly, and frankly, "Flickering Light" bored us. We require for our appetite something a little more enticing. Perhaps it is from lack of exercise—but fortune-tellers, poisoned amulets and so on, when sat down to the actors were definitely not happy either, or at their ease. The happiness and enjoyment of the cast is, of course, half the battle, especially if for people living to-day. they are not capable of much else.

The producer was, may we venture happened, and it was quite fun.

ceeded with a simple and co-ordinate "The Big Money" gives a clear idea

-inside its own head. We point pensed with. this out because it is partly on this imaginative ability that the success KRISHNAMURTI AND KROPOTKIN Mr. Renouf's speech on Kagawa thorax in that gesture of self-indicaof the production depends. No Mr. Meck showed the other speakers was marred by a nasal intonation. At tion was recognised thankfully as an imagination, no success. As it for two very important things about times unexpected and undue emphasis old characteristic, in no wise imimagination, no success. As it for two very important things about times unexpected and undue emphasis old characteristic, in tunately happened, we turned out to modern oratory. I hope the lesson will speech sound like a power surge from Of course "chaste," be quite vivid-minded on Friday night. be learned. The slightest suggestion . . .

everything, with, of course, the aid of a few of Krishnamurti's beliefs, by of indispensable tin-can noises (fail- their unexpected simplicity and uning coal, we presume) and screams usual content, made a striking appeal ing noises. Interesting, though, con- evening, sidering the darkness. The three persons carry on an animated solilo- potkin was a speech of lost opportuni. contest, a series of events chronoresult is not a play, but a number of phrases and striking sentences, was the audience settled back for a good producer. exceedingly vivid and entertaining marred by a persistent falling inflexion. solid two minutes peroration, which mental pictures.

the producer it seemed had deliber- win's passage describing the com- tions of sentence length, and the clear ately catered for our appetite. To munity of the future temporarily re-arrangement of the whole speech. him then in that case we must convealed by a break in the clouds of time that falling inflexion was again the fells to a perverse change of appetite. was one of the bright spots of the besetting sin. Unfortunate, is it not? But his fare evening. in not as pleasing to our palate as it used to be. This may be due to our of vulgarity won't? But, personally, subscribe to. It was possibly a little and fishing. lyrics written on the sewer never cut much to expect the audience to bemuch ice with us.

were particularly well cast, and "honest conviction." played their parts with fervid gusto. It was a pity his landlady was in the room at the time, otherwise Joe chair, or to carry out ablutions on the face and hands, only. Frightfully inconvenient for him, and awfully inconsiderate of her. 'But lucky for us.)

## PROMISING?

if carefully tended, may grow into a fine-or perhaps even a dangeroussettle down to the serious parts, and

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"Wake all the dead! What ho! What ho! How soundly they sleep whose pillows lie low!" Not cold, are fearfully stodgy. And we so soundly, for once every year a few selected spirits are plucked from the wormholes of oblivion and were not made to feel happy, because given a twelve-minute airing. This happened in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on Saturday Photographic Club was a successful night when the thirty-third Plunket Medal Contest was heard by a two-thirds capacity house. It was pleasing to see the majority of speakers choosing to speak on men who had some significance

Irish Combination Triumphant

once or twice what she was going to night one couldn't help wishing that a do with that delightfully abbreviated compulsory course of dos Passos was a skirt of hers. But of course nothing pre-requisite for Plunket Medal competitors. To read a thumbnail biography In the setting the producer suc- such as "William Randolph Hearst" in

something original and elever in this, too prominent. The speaker is free to piece of work. However, a good though perhaps obscurely. . In a use his own method of speaking, but speech was marred by that fatal found simply sitting with the head in play such as this the audience is large sheets of notepaper (especially falling inflexion, and an insufficient the hand easiest. He was good, howasked to create a tremendous amount blue notepaper) surely should be dis- sense of the dramatic.

gained by concentration of reason in. 2ZB. The curtain rises-or rather, is stead of by harmonious sonorous phrasblackness. Round the voices issuing and visible contact established naturfrom the void (nominally, a Welsh ally between speaker and audience. In coal-pit) we are required to construct a very few minutes Mr. Meek's outline

Jack Lewin's speech on Prince Kro-In presenting to us our last treat tended to become bathetic. Mr. Lee- Mr. McDonald's work were the varia-

## "IN ANCIENT DAYS" - 🚀

We remark here that the characters the King could be explained by his originality of treatment. Mr Foley a little polish and subtlety, even if.

The main part of the speech was too much a chronicle to allow the be unwelcome news.

so successfully." I wonder how this sion of the speech was greeted.

The standard of speaking was not as can be reconciled with "Thoughts to suggest, a little unwise in selecting high as it has been in former years, on the French Revolution"? If Mr. a play that called for fine acting when The winning speech was excellent but McCulloch gave more ideas and he was limited in the scope at his not outstanding. With few exceptions fewer words it would be a big im- ing to produce an emotional effect of a disposal. A play with plenty of action the speeches were stiff, formal bogus- provement. To say that Burke (rep- really high order, his Hungarian song. would have obviated his difficulty. orations with an overdose of blah. In resenting a Rotten Borough in a "Had a Horse," being for many the piece, especially as regards the part came from a period long past. The self trustee for the interests of the Braybrooke and Vesta Emanuel. of Bobbie, which was played by Doris genuine oration of the twentieth cen- whole nation" is a little hard to ex-

### ARABIA DESERTA

programme (or a frantic unreadiness instead of across, or at, or in front of interests of Britain and French Imbehind the scenes) we were next them. Ron Meek's speech was an perialism; to mirror the clash in the treated to some "Danger," a June object-lesson in how to do this.

Cumming production. Now there was Photos were, generally speaking, much at Versalites was the exceedingly able deliberations round the council table DRAMATIC CLUB'S GAUCHESIE

## "A FLAMING VOLCANO"

speech sound like a power surge from Of course "chaste," "pure," "rape,"

"For 15 years Kagawa lived in the regular stock-in-the-box who suits you. Frank.

was, as was all too common in the sense of subtlety. Sentences such as "Oh! the mockery of did not materialise. Specially comit!" delivered without sufficient force, mendable and successful features of

Mr. Braybrooke opened in the little unexpected humour. When meritorious, they are what we desire. formerly having rather overeaten approved sonorous style, but before speaking of Rutherford the boy, he Ever so faintly, we protest. ourselves. We found his "Where's long conveyed the suspicion that he referred to him as "Young Lord

lieve that Wentworth's desertion to ment of self-confidence, and hence we demand of it entertainment with will do better,

## UP THE IRISH!

Ben O'Connor produced the speaker to climb to real oratory, winning speech. His biographical demight not have felt constrained to Mr. Braybrooke's posture militated talls were dealt with economically against this also. At times, the posi- and wisely, leaving him time and tion of his hands and notes was reserves of power to use in a dignified, strongly suggestive of a telegraph forceful, and one is almost tempted to poor is poverty. What is the matter messenger offering what he knew to say, noble statement of de Valera's aims, "Ireland her own from the soil In offering him for our consideration to the sky." This delivered with two (3 times), Mr. McCulloch explained to minutes to go, shrewdly aroused the to back this statement. "No one who which, though a little narrow, were tarian lie of Europe and hoist the lated. has ever lived has used the prin- an improvement on the general ideas banner of true Order, will automaticplant. He showed an unwillingness to ciples of the thinkers to judge the on that emotion, sufficient to justify ally become the head of a new immediate problems of the statesman the applause with which the conclu- European Organism."

### THE MINSTRELS AND THE VERDICT

It remained for Martin Liddle's sing-

The best planned speech of the he was generally obliged to listen to

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ever, in hurling invective, and in the more blasphemous parts. The thumb jerked forcofully towards the

"Red" and such like have become 'Varsity

That is chiefly why the "Bomb"

## WHAT WE WANT

We, as the play-goers, must be the determining factor on the quality of that when productions such as the three we witnessed on Thursday and Friday nights, although having their certain merits, and being put on HUNTIN', SHOOTIN' AND FISHIN' before us time and time again with

We are sorry to have misundermind, and with all respect to our, and "And Ships Are Few." With more practice, the develop- we believe, capable Dramatic Club, takes longer in production.

--- Celia Frederick

Do not waste your time on social questions. What is the matter with the with the rich is uselessness.

-E. Jung.

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION**

Price: Threepence

When a photographic exhibition is undertaken it implies that work of such a standard is forthcoming as to make the collection of photographs something more than a mere display. Judged by this consideration it can be said that the recent function of the exhibition. That is not to say that the exhibits were universally good. for they were not-some in fact were very poor. There was, however, a sufficient number of good photos. which, by reason of technique, conception, and presentation, could be classed as pictures and not as enlarged snapshots,

### VARSITY EXPOSURE.

Those whose work was consistently But unfortunately this was a most all cases save one, the style of speak- nation which was then less than 20 highlight of the evening. Other enjoy- outstanding in this direction were inactive, even, in fact, nonchalant ing (as well as two of the characters) per cent enfranchised) "held him- able items were also given by Kingston A. D. Fair, T. W. Rait, J. Hannah, piece, especially as regards the part came from a period long past. The self trustee for the interests of the Braybrooke and Vesta Emanuel. and S. B. Whitlock, while several of Bobbie, which was played by Doris genuine oration of the twentieth cenStephenson. She gave us an imprestury is not the pontifical-utterances of pect even a Plunket Medal audience on behalf of his co-judges, Mr. W. E. eminence. Undoubtedly the most sion of affectedness rather than of a Pitt, a Sheridan, or a Burke; and as to swallow, accustomed as it is to acting. We were forced to wonder speaker succeeded speaker on Saturday hyperbole.

The Hon. W. E. Barnard, speaking others had individual photos of behalf of his co-judges, Mr. W. E. eminence. Undoubtedly the most acting. We were forced to wonder speaker succeeded speaker on Saturday hyperbole. that he had enjoyed listening to these imposition extremely well executed. speeches much more than the speeches Of outstanding interest also was his . "Students." evening was Bob Edgley's effort on in the House. "The judges," he said, of the few attempts at portraying T. E. Lawrence. To select the main "have experienced some little difficulty "Varsity life, it was characterised by Apart from being one points in so complicated and tangled in deciding between Mr. O'Connor and good conception and highly successstage. Otherwise, there was nothing in prose of what a present-day oration a life, to reject so much that must Mr. Meek, but have decided in favour ful presentation. Fair also exhibited else in "Flickering Light" requiring can and should be. The aim of the have seemed necessary, and to of Mr. O'Connor by a narrow margin." others of superior technique, but, mention.

The Big Money" gives a clear idea points in so complete and tangent in deciding between Mr. O connor and good conception and nightly success-the superior ful presentation. Fair also exhibited combine the mental conflict in The hearty applause with which this compared with those mentioned, lack-DOWN IN THE PIT of his audience. To do this today it is Lawrence's mind with the conflict of statement was greeted showed that the ing in originality, while his microOwing to a slight alteration in the necessary to speak to the audience his promises to the Arabs and the audience concurred in the verdict.—S. photographs would have been better on black and white glossy instead of sepia matt.

> From the point of view of technique the laurels went to T. W. Rait as displayed in "Old Timer" and "Dim Religious Light." The rich blacks of the former were not approached by another print there. Yet, though there was a good gradation of tone, this photo was too sombre. Religious Light," a difficult subject well handled, was spoilt by the heavy and unbalanced black mass on the left-hand side.

## ATMOSPHERICS.

For J. Hannah's seascapes high heard to rise—on a perfectly black ing alone. Both if you can do it. But slums proclaiming always that God words. So they pall when con- praise is deserved. Possessing imstage, while we sit in more perfect no wind. The second was the distinct is love; where there is God there is sistently thrown at us from the stage, mediate appeal and therefore conlove." Mr. Renouf should read Every little fresher comes out with stantly photographed, breaking waves Professor Tawney on "Religion and them, the same as he comes out in are somewhat hackneyed as subjects, the Rise of Capitalism." Get a man spots on his chin. It is part of his while it is extremely difficult to condevelopment. But in heaven's name, vey the sense of liquidity. In his three Mr. McDonald reopened the 1919 must we so triumphantly advertise studies Hannah has been most suc-Peace Conference with the most our every stage of normal develop- cessful in capturing this atmosphere. and exclamations from the poor to his hearers—an appeal that re. promising of beginnings delivered in ment, as we did in this gauche dis- and in "Restless" his work has a fine heroine. The men utter only sooth- mained the only one of its kind that a clear voice and an easy natural play? We are, it must be admitted, simplicity and restraint. The most manner. The middle of the speech a considerable time in developing a outstanding study shown by Whitlock was "When lowering cloud banks . . which was a skilful handling of a disquy on death, which is pretty ties. An excellent exposition of Kro- logically arranged. Mustapha Kemal did not please or excite us as much as tinctive silhouette (a hay rake) imminent in their position. The potkin's philosophy, delivered in apt was finally put to bed iil in 1938 and had been anticipated, by its retarded against a heavy sky. The composition of this picture was of lasting satisfaction. Another admirable study by the same photographer, "Ensign," suffered from over-correction, and the same fault could be found with productions. It appears, therefore, other photos such as Ombler's "Three Silent Pinnacles" and Berge's "Tail Spin." A print meriting great praise was S. Johnston's "Quo Vadis?" The conception of this picture of Thorndon Ramp was most original and well Bert Foley was responsible for a something very far from anything rendered, though it suffered alightly from excessive background. Two exhibitors showing a large number of prints were Elby and Cardale, but the That Bomb?" to be, in parts, like the was attributing to Strafford an Rutherford as he was then;" and stood ourselves so grossly and for so work of both suffered from lack of curate's egg, highly unpleasant. Of influence on English history which in again later when he mentioned the long. But we are now no longer in crispness. Of Hughan's work the two course it drew laughter. What bit other circumstances he would not boy's fondness for hunting, shooting, so dangerously an uncritical state of most successful were "Land Hungry"

## WE DO NOT LIKE:

The predominance of landscapes in its change from the slap-dash, it and the paucity of portraits was not an unexpected feature of the exhibition, but it was a great pity that such portraits as were shown should have been so stilted and conventional. The traditional pose requires outstanding technique for it to possess any freshness, while it seldom conveys an timpression of a personality. is uselessness.

—George Bernard Shaw, graphy offers wide scope in this direction. More attention should also "It is the German people's provi- be given to straightening prints and Bonk Scotney we discovered as more us that the character of Edmund expectations of the audience which dential mission to rebuild the Occi- mounts. In the arrangement, titling orator than actor. Here shows a Burke was without moral blemish were gratifyingly realised in a pas- dent . . . The Epoch of the Germans and lighting of the exhibits the comgerminating seed of oratory which, and he made some extravagant claims sage on patriotism, the sentiments of ... The nation will crush the humani- mittee are to be heartily congratu---H. and H.

> "No doubt your wife has often expressed the desire to earn-er-to own a furcoat."-2ZB, 10 p.m., 2/6/1939.





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# EFFICIENCY TESTS AND THE UNIVERSITY

For those civil servants who are either undergraduates or graduates the proposed introduction of Efficiency Examinations must come as an unpleasant surprise. Although the Public Service Commissioner's power to impose such examinations has been contained in the Public Service Act since 1912 it has never been necessary to apply it, except in certain cases where the department requires a special knowledge of some Act or section of the law, or where an officer has not passed the University Entrance Examination.

As the tests are apparently to apply, without exception, to both clerical and professional divisions, and will be extended until the civil servant has reached a high rate of salary, the prospects are that the latter will be sitting examinations until he is well on into his forties. And even then there is little guarantee that promotion will follow for the successful examinee.

There is also another aspect of the question, in that the Efficiency Tests are now to have a primary importance and degree and professional examinations are to be relegated to a secondary position. That this fact will discourage civil servants from attending University must naturally follow. In the past, considerable weight has been given to the case for promotion of the degree holder, but that will now to a large extent be lost. A further factor that will discourage the prospective undergraduate is that if he takes University lectures he will have to sit three different sets of exams.-Terms, the annual University, and the Civil Service Efficiency Tests. Already overburdened with night lectures, the civil servant will be forced to choose that course which will be most beneficial to him from a promotion point of view, which will be to let University degrees slide find Kime Hut in the week-end. and concentrate on the new basis for advancement—the Efficiency

In addition to these objections, the almost universal condemnation of the examination system by educational experts in favour of accrediting on a basis of actual work performed, and the Public Service Commissioner's action seems to be not only a retrograde one but also one that is not in conformance with modern educational —M.L.B. research.

# GOD NEW ZEALAND

would have introduced conscription routine of club activities. long ago."

From a symposium of views on "home defence."

-"Dominion," 27/5/39

moment, may, or may not, have been assemblage, fervently honoured the responsible for Mr. Neville Chamber-toast "To Ourselves." Baden-Powell, 'Be Prepared'-will, I venture to say, be texts which our leaders will preach (and practise) the excellent progress the club had been Mr. Mrek is proceeding to Cambridge 'Policeman of the World.'

--"Dominion," 27/5/39

1939,' which will be presented by name of the club president. That the the Victoria University College flagon be kept in sacred trust by the students in the New Opera House, club and that a verse from the pen of Wellington, for the first time on OmarKhayyam, the guide of the donors' Saturday, April 22, will be of cheer-philosophy, be engraved on the flagon Biological Society, Presidential Adful burlesque. The show will again for the enlightenment of all future consist principally of two musical members, were the wishes expressed by comedies with an appropriate intro- Mr. Culliford. Mr. Culliford concluded ductory spectacle and a burlesque one of the most moving speeches ever musical interlude, all of which are presented at a Haeremai function with described as "combining the glamour apt excerpts from the "Rubalyat." of a Marcus show with the pungency of Noel Coward and the brilliancy of behalf of the Club, expressed his deep Glibert and Sullivan."

Immediate Action Urged

welfare, and it is our desire to bring functions. before your attention the urgent need The formalities of the evening disthe part we have played in native ad- tainment. ministration, and we cannot for a The function was one of the most

## HAEREMAI CLUB

Preluded by a delightfully informal son acted as host, the annual dinner of the Haeremai Club held recently proved itself to be a star event in the club's history.

scheme? I think exactly the same sented the Students' Association. A thing about it as I do about the large attendance of members, a select Government,-I would be "run-in" if body of visitors, and representatives of I expressed my real views. This kindred clubs at the other Colleges, Rule, and Phil Marsack. Those who Government is not concerned about foregathered to do honour to a funcliberty or freedom. If it were it tion now well established in the annual

TOASTS.

The toast of His Majesty the King "Without question, the grave Euro- Executive of the V.U.C.S.A. was pro- those who have not yet purchased an situation of last September may pean situation of last September may posed by Mr. Lloyd Stutchberry and one, may do so at the small figure of be regarded as the outstanding event replied to by Mr. Ron Corkill. Mr. 6d. Freshers (not so fresh now)of the year, and it was with heartfelt Corkill expressed appreciation of the this is your chance. gratitude that we heard that an inter-continued development of the club and So remember the Glee Club Connational crisis had been averted," complimented the club executive on cert on Friday, August 4th, at 8.15 writes Mr. Ben Ellis, Dominion presi-the excellence of the function. "Kin-p.m. The admission is 1/-, and by a foreword to "The Veteran," the L. Thomas, who brought with him the official publication of the association, greetings and felicitations of the other ber: it's a Glee Club Show!! "The general impression that Great fraternities who, he stated, "were Britain was, at the moment, not pre- closely linked with the Haeremai Club pared for war, and that an insurrec- in the spirit of their interest." Mr. J. tion in Germany was expected at any Speedy, in company with the entire

fellow-donor had been deeply moved by paper will feel their loss keenly. of this progress be retained in the pro- bon royage and the best of luck! perties of the club, they had decided to present a silver flagon on which "The atmosphere of 'Cappicade, should be engraved each year the

Mr. Wilson accepted the flagon on Public Administration Lecture: "The gratitude of the action of the donors, "Dominion," 15/4/39 and initiated the flagon. It was decided by the meeting that the flagon immediate Action Urged be engraved the "Culliford-Johnston". This deputation represents those Presidents' Flagon," and that it be used who are directly interested in Maori by each president at all ceremonial

for some immediate action in connec- pensed with, the gathering retired to tion with this problem," said Mr. the smoke-room, where reminiscences Evangelical Union Tea.-Next Sun-Milner. "We Britishers are proud of of other days provided enjoyable enter-

moment contemplate falling below enjoyable "Salient" has attended, and the high ideal set by the statesmen of evidenced the great value in Collège ity and Social Resour Empire."

"Truth." life of good social fellowship.—S.K.H. a students welcome.

MORE THINGS THEY SAY:

Native of New South Wales: "Australia's a land where the men are men and the women are glad of it."

Margaret Johnstone: "I should have described it as a land where the women are women and the men are anxious to make the most of it."

And this one came through Shirley

Danzig with tears in your eyes.

Informative soul: I was talking to a taxi driver the other night. He was taking a woman to a maternity hospital, had an accident on the way and the baby was born in the cab.

Ron Meek: That would be a case of

Overheard on the stairs (they were speaking very loudly):

crash on delivery.

your bath under an umbrella? Elizabeth Hussey: Well, you see, there was no lock on the door.

Betty Stubbs: But why did you have

The playreading of Juno and the Paycock was responsible for the year's record attendance.

We like the idea of Paul Powell digging dog-like under the flagpole to

We are also delighted to learn that for once Chas. Watson-Munro couldn't take it.

Congratulations to Messys. Edgley and Meek. Further congratulations to Mr. Meek.

## GLEE CLUB CONCERT

The outlet for musical talent at V.U.C. is somewhat limited to the annual extravaganza and to a series of gramophone recitals. The Glee Club in endeavouring to foster an interest in singing, produces its annual concert. The club is small and totally unofficial cocktail hour at and enthusiastic and this year, under the Grand Hotel at which Bob Ander the capable direction of Mr. R. L. Hutchens, it is again taking the limelight on Friday, August 4th, in the gym, of course, the scene of its earlier triumphs.

A company director: "What do I Mr. Stewart Wilson, president of the think of the Government's defence club, presided. Mr. Ron Corkill representation arranged, including several popular chorus and quartet numbers. The soloists, among the men, are worthy of mention-Martin Liddle, Frank heard the concert last year will remember Martin Liddle's excellent rendition of "Largo al Factotum" à la Tibbett.

The concert will commence at 8.15 was proposed by Mr. Chairman; Mr p.m. sharp, and will open with the Roy Johnston proposed the toast of the College Song. Those who have song

dent of the South African War Veter- dred Societies" was proposed by Mr. special permission of the Principal a ans' Association of New Zealand, in Roy Te Punga and replied to by Mr. H. short dance will be held afterwards. Supper is provided also. Romem-

## Appreciation

It is with considerable regret that iain's desire for a peaceful solution of the problem," he continues.
"Whatever the reasons dictating his the presentation to the club of a value time that has been devoted by these than the presentation to the club of a value time that has been a considerable continues. policy, however, the slogan of the able silver flagon by Messrs. George two people has been a considerable conlate Lord Roberts, 'Teach the young idea to shoot'—and the motto of Lord Culliford and Roy Johnston. In his tributing factor to the success and considerable confidence in the success and considerable confidence in the success and considerable confidence in the success and con oration to the meeting, Mr. . Culliford maintenance of the high standard stated that both he himself and his which "Salient" has achieved, and the

till England is once again sufficiently strong to resume her old role of doubling that some for two years, and "Salient" and others desiring that some tangible evidence take this opportunity of wishing him

## THINGS TO COME

"Photoperiodism, Vernaldress. isation, and the Phasic Develop-nient of Plants," by Mr. A. J. D. Barker, B.A., B.Sc., in the Biology Lecture-room, on Thursday, 3rd August, at 8 p.m.

British Civil Service Administrative Division by Mr. H. G. Miller, M.A., on August 8th, at 8 p.m.

International Relations Club,-Discussion on "A Russian Alliance or not?" by Professor Lipson (says "Yes") and Dr. Beaglehold isays "No") on Wednesday, 2nd Aggust. at 8 p.m. in Gym.

day, August 6, at 4.43 p.m., in Women's Common Room. Speaker: F. B. Stephens, Esq., M.A., B.Com. Subject: Christianity and Social Responsibility. All

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### A PLAY OF THE FUTURE

there was an audience, a large one even the least sensitive. and that on each of the three nights. It would still have been worth-while for the audience even if the difficulties had been too much for the players. The fact is that the difficulties were overcome, that audiences came in large numbers and that youthful and in many cases inexperienced actors and actresses succeeded in catching not only the characters but the spirit of the characters and the unity of the play. The credit is due to Mr. W. J. Scott, the producer, who understands modern drama thoroughly, has a keen eye and ear for the really urgent and important things and. above all, has the ability to enthuse others with his ideas. Without this enthusiasm there would have been no play, no settings and no characters. His stage-manager, Roy Cowan. is a craftsman and the structural settings were a huge job, and the arrangement most effective.

## THE CAST

Of the cast, John McCreary was fine. This job would have been difficult for a mature actor. His was the spirit that dominated the play. Personally I felt that his work was assisted tremendously by very akilful work by his supports, particularly Judith Luke, who spoke her lines beautifully; Dennis Feeney, who added much to the final scenes; and lan McLean, who sustained at a low level a long and difficult scene. This ability to catch the spirit of underplaying was also noticeable with the Doctor and the naturalist. The scenes that were lines splendidly, also kept the play's from each of the characters that was August, 1939. effective. Technically there were several faults that could and should have been avoided.

I am sorry my discussion sis so objective but some people cannot see the play for the spotlights but I know that the audience was strongly moved and carried away very deep emotional impressions. I apologise again if in these remarks I have failed to interpret the play and its theme and all it meant.

## OF MERIT

The Training College has in the past three years produced the three most important plays that have been done in Wellington during this period. Waiting for Lefty. Judgment Day and now P.6. Each has been successful. They have of course more talent; in numbers, than any society, they have ideas, they have enthusiasm and

they are ambitious. This was shooting at stars and it succeeded.

The important thing to remember is, as I have said before, that if a, thing is worth doing, it's worth doing badly, and then it may even be a success and then it has been still —D.G.E. more worth while.

HEAVEN, HELL AND PLEASURE Safe in the arms of Satan let me lie you have killed a brother, If Heaven is all pleasure—Heaven the

die

Pray we each day, God bring us safe to Hell.

And hadn't the courage to follow. -Roy Campbell

and Christopher Isherwood, pro the pictures you can discover Hitler's do you remember still those days of sented by the Drama Society of the Germany. By reading "Mortal long ago?" Teachers' Training College on July Storm" you will begin to understand

13, 14, 15, in the College Hall. what it feels like to be a Jew of 1938 I think that then the world was very Wellington has become accustomed under, Nazi rule, or to be a young young:
to dramatic society efforts which are man enslaved by the hypnotism of worm winds of youth had barely manifolded about ording. particularly satisfying to the cast, Nazi ideals. This book about ordin-their friends and relations and the ary people living in Germany is of treasurer. They are even sometimes almost a complete statement and cerentertaining. Somebody once said tainly an authentic one. It is con- in carefree happiness and sweet that, "if a thing was worth doing it sidered by the publishers to be so content.

was worth doing badly." Before urgently important that they have seeing the play a person with a co-operated with Penguin Books Ltd. Do you remember, still, Rt. Lconard's knowledge of drama must have felt in printing this special edition that it that this was the only attitude which may be more readily available to you. with fluttering banners of bold leaves,

Though a work of fiction, "Mortal twelve scenes with numerous insets, sible to believe that such conditions difficulties would have deterred any ficulty of bellef. When Freya's Com- through other group in Wellington, including munist lover is shot by her Nazi stepthe major societies. But the import- brother she is stunned not so much luscious blackberries gathered from the ant thing is that the play itself is by his death as at his being shot by really worth doing under any circum- a fellow countryman in time of peace. hands, and tips, deep-purple-stained . . When her younger brother is stoned larch and silver birch etched with in the street and treated as an out-It is one of the most significant cast at school for "smelling like a on plays of the whole post-war period Jew," he cannot at first believe the recent play, points the way to the longer linger to gossip over a mug future of drama. To those associated of beer in the suddenly unfriendly with the production it would have "gartens" the ordinary labourer is been worth-while even if there had filled with a dreadful bewilderment, and sunlight falling through the cedars been no audience but, strange to say, Fear and suspicion are oppressing

THE CONCENTRATION CAMP.

The story is carried by Freya, as a nineteen years old student, whose I here bestow simple passion for medicine is swiftly. On friend and foe blurred and twisted and almost overwhelmed by Nazism. She has to discover that the step-brothers who have Let all men know been noble gods in her eyes can be My frm belief relentlessly cruel in the fervour of That hearen and hell. their obedience to their Fuehrer; she has to see her father snubbed on the public street by old friends, she sees



overplayed were also well done by The Editor Invites contributions either the General and Lord Stagmantle, in prose or verse on any subject of while Mr. and Mrs. A., who spoke her general interest, from students or Dear "Sullent," officials connected with the College. feet on the ground. Altogether one Ruch contributions to be in the hunds

> students where once he had vigorously enthusiastic classes; she sees him lose his hospital and his clinic. camp. The scene where she visits

As a character in the story, this man, her father, is skilfully drawn as extremely probable." an individual, but inevitably we must

crushed under militarism.

talk of working for peace. There is cheerfully anticipates. -Allen Curnow, only one way to work for peace-and THE DEATH OF POLYBIUS JUDD

He died in attempting to swallow, with each other. Then there will be nothing to be defended from—and it takes on a different and somewhat hollow—

For in gasping for space

He swallowed his face,

The Mortal Storm."—Phyllis Bothome.

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## Retrospect for Grace

touched the ageless snow childhood days that lasted long eternities

scoods all springing green

and deep broom-golden scent . . . difficulties are immense. Five types Storm" is startlingly convincing and and murmurous autumn days in May. of setting, with variations, in about yet incredible. It is almost impos- fallen pine-cones, and fire-bright ranks of poplars, whispering . .

Long scenes in verse. A large cast, can be allowed. Apparently non-mushroom meadows whitely starred There can be little doubt that the Nazis in Germany have the same dif- wherein you strode daun-rainbowed summer

> dow . . vivid thorny vines-

graceful lines

scinter's sunsets blazing in the cold blue sky of frosty afternoons . . and, probably more than any other reality. When his workmates will no that long house where roses and wistaria flood the air with heady fragrances; tea upon the

daisied laicus, to your hair . . .

### LINES TATOOED ON KIPLING'S TOMBSTONE

My final brief In camco. And the world as well. Are completely circumscribed By "a thin red line of heroes."

## MEMORY

**−**J.D.F.

Behind the bitterness of the infinite

Behind the faded lightning and the dulled rolling of the thunder Behind the incessant beating of the sleepless drums, the shrilling of the lostness here among the lost-

There lies I know That which is still alive Though seeming dead Sfill vibrant, keen

Still alive Though securing dead.

heaving sicirl of life Unto this wonder

Had I not Even as night has day Even as wouth has age Like unto those who knew before me Even as life has death have I

—К.*І.*Н. The yoke elernal.

The writer of last week's editorial could go on raising point after point of the Editor before the end of says of the Socialist that, should Britain become involved in war as a "Fascistic" power (i.e., under the present Government?): "If he enlists it him lecturing to a scared group of is to fight for a completely different It is in order to obtain arms and to have the chance of beginning a revolt Finally he is sent to a concentration when the moment is favourable, as Lenin did-but this time a revolt against a Fascist regime. The chance killed) is a brilliant piece of writing. of a world Socialist revolution arising

Although considerations such as these have undoubtedly been responsee him as the Jew of Jormany. these have undoubtedly been respon-intelligent, toleraid, reasonable sible for the enthusiasm with which and gentle; loving his country and the gentlemen of the extreme left adding to her knowledge by medical have halled the prospect of a war research; sufferied treatment that with the totalitarian states they have would be torture to one less wise, he rarely been expressed with such adlives steadfastly by his own beliefs mirable candour and it seems proper and dies without bitterness, having that those who do not desire such charged his daughter with the action as is contemplated in the above supreme importance of refusing to be quotation should realize the facts of the situation. It is difficult to resist Out of the horror of a concentra- the conclusion that in their convertion camp, he can give her this sion to a bellicose policy our Reds have been actuated by a wish not so "To be unreal, Freys, that is the much to see British interests preworst of all dangers-since you are served as to obtain an opportunity to turning a thing that does not exist carry out their own economic and into an enemy. And when you start political policy even at the cost of to kill a person, who is only by mis- first wrecking western civilization. conception your enemy, you find that Nor can we believe that in urging upon Britain a policy of "firmness" That is the mistake all our people the Russian government has been are making-and also everywhere the oblivious of the fact that a world war swell,

The eternal necking-party—ere we same. We talk of "defence," against would, in all probability, be followed whom? Our brother men! Or we by the revolution which "H.W.G." so

The spectacle of the leftist lamb there will be no peace till it is learnt lying down with the imperialist lion

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## ANOTHER LAST-MINUTE

Varsity are at least making their Rugby interesting this season. Reliably inconsistent, they keep supporters and opponents guessing match after match, but on Saturday, to the general surprise, they repeated their action of the previous week by snatching victory on the very call of time. The 10/5 defeat of Oriental places the team within one point of the leaders in the Hardham Cup competition. -L.B.S.

## RUGBY

early game on Athletic Park.

the line Rae scored a brilliant try. How more meritorious display. he beat the number of men that he their weakened numbers.

'Varsity's backs all showed up at times, but the outstanding back was undoubtedly liac, who is playing better than ever. He was tricky on attack and solid on defence. Parker at first five-eighths handled very nicely and he should develop next session into a very useful back. Larkin at second made some nice runs and his defence was solid. He passed who had his marker right up on him, when a good kick would have been very advantageous to the side. Tricklebank made one great run and appeared to score but the try was not allowed. The wings had few chances. At full-back Kissell was quite sound.

In the pack Burke played a great game. His dribbfing work was very Thodey was another who battled away with determination, whilst once again the two Shannons were real tollers. A promoted player, Smith kept up well with the play and looks a promising forward.

'Varsity are now one point behind the leaders for the Hardham Cup and meet Old Boys next Saturday at Kel--J.A.C. burn Park.

## ENGLISH HOCKEY

(This is the second of a series of articles written by a former Rhodes Scholar now resident in Wellington.)

Hockey in England is a "posh" game, being played exclusively by amateurs and usually by leisured or A. Mrintosh was the best of the line. frayed spirits for the singing had semi-leisured people. For instance, and he is properly a half semi-leisured people. For instance, and he is properly a half, when I was at Oxford we played. There was no better played against Sandhurst and other army, navy, and nirtorce teams, hospital public schools such as Marlborough. Cheltenham and Rugby, and Oxford and Cambridge College University

The standard of hockey in Great Britain is very high -so high, in fact, that although I played for the Otago University A grade team, I consider that my hockey education really only began after I reached Oxford. In this connection I feel that the ordinary claim made for the Indian teams -that they are indubitably the world's best-is very much open to question. It may interest readers to know that none of the United Kingdom teams tournament which India wins with such unfailing regularity. The 1929 bined army, navy, and airforce team row victory against an unrepresentative English team.

called international representative on his game, is quite good, but should left and tackling the gorse-clad teams being those of England, Ire- restrain his tendency to off-side play, heights, both parties arriving at

United Kingdom team. the game is played at a high speed position. If Tahiwi were fitter he Porirua, eventually arriving at a with the two or three players who would not disgrace the senior team. watered valley with ample supplies of are at any time within striking distance of the ball moving at top speed WEIR HOUSE HOCKEY trying to take it on their sticks on possible on good grounds.

## LOW TENNIS STANDARD

particularly in the universities, is season. much higher than that in New Zea-

# MEN'S HOCKEY

'Varsity and Oriental again demon- On Saturday it was extremely disstrated on Saturday that it is almost appointing to see a side containing so impossible for two senior teams to many players of alleged undoubted perform with any distinction in an ability being outplayed time and time of trampers acrambled aboard the The 'Varsity team was without To the young Karori team must go the little did they dream that twenty McNicol, Meads, McVeagh and Eade in honours of the game for, making due hours later they would still be sloggthe pack, but in a last minute dash for allowances, they put up by far the ing through the snow and rain-soaked

actually did pass to score, only he could eleven individualists, each playing his companied roaring of a flooded river tell, but score he did to give 'Varsity own style of hockey and each un- a few hundred feet below. a win when full time was up. The willing to work in with his team referee gave a very liberal interpreta- mates. Especially was this noticeable the party at Dobson's with the intion of the rules, resulting in a lot of in the forwards; little pretence of off-side play by both sides, making the combination was made. Admittedly refreshments soon disappeared and game scrappy, but once again the green the line had been drastically reforwards played with dash despite organised but that was insufficient work at 12.30 p.m. The snow quickly excuse. The choice of Sharp as centre-increased from one to two feet. The forward was an unfortunate one, for whatever his prowess in the halves, as the drifts sometimes exceeded 6 he was out of place in a place which feet, and the party spent much time demands the greatest excellence in in sidling these hummocks. Darkpositional play. Elias on the right wing was perhaps the best of a very mediocre quintet. Cole's stickwork was poor, while his fitness does not warrant his inclusion in the side. However, they continued in the hope Shaw is still inclined to play the man that a frost would crust the surface once or twice however to Tricklebank instead of the ball, and more unselfish- but this was not to be. The party ness would materially improve his

In the halves, Whitham was perhaps the best, though all three played well, as individuals. Harder and crisper hitting from all is desirable. In goal, Benjamin was called upon to save more often than should have of which cost a goal.

case at present, but by setting his energy to strike up a song. own house in order first.

## SEXIOR RESERVE I

Dayld Good's team was rather unlucky only to draw with Island Bay. who lead the grade. A 3/2 victory would have been a better criterion of relative form on the day. Indifferent forward work was chiefly to blame.

field than Wickham, at left-half. On Saturday's form he is little inferior teams such as Guy's and Barth's, to George Whitham, who is now with the seniors. Inn Purille at right-half koro-Porirua Sunday trip recently. was at his soundest, invariably After some counting and recounting winning his duels with the Island it transpired that the leader was cal-Bay forwards. F. Walker and L. culating the cheapest way to travel Sandford were both sound at fullback, and Mason kept goal with good having been arrived at (namely 74d judgment.

Next Saturday's match with the season.

## SENIOR RESERVE II

Wesley resulted in another win for a billy boiled and lunch eaten, during will enter for the Olympic bockey ever, robbed of its pleasure by the duction taking place, the remainder will enter for the Olympic bockey ever, robbed of its pleasure by the duction taking place, the remainder taking place, Wesley. Ives played an improved preciating the actions and reactions All India Team was beaten by a com- game at right wing and Eric Brasted was again sound at centre-forward. in a tour of England and won a nar- each scoring one goal. Spiers at inside right played a dashing game and scored two goals by fast follow- parted for the Belmont "Trig" via There is no such thing as a United ing in. The forwards generally a supplejack-clad hillside, the re-Kingdom international team, the so- lacked cohesion on the day. Wallis, mainder of the party bearing to the

above slender evidence it would ap- in the halves, while A. Long was a mately the same height, although pear that an All India team would tower of strength. Till was some some miles away from each other. not show any superiority over these what erratic and had a tendency to Both parties then commenced the International teams, and would cer- hit wildly-unusual with him. Allan descent and eventually arrived on the tainly be inferior to a representative made some good saves in goal but same leading ridge. A quick descent nited Kingdom team.

could use his stick more. Tahiwi was then made down the slopes and
The high standard of English and Kirkham were reliable fullhockey shows itself in the fact that backs and were seldom caught out of in turn led on to the hills surrounding

With still one match to play, the train was due. land, the standard of tennis is Welr House team has suffered one on the average very much lower. The loss in the second round-a good -A. S. superseded by sound combination.

Of the forwards, Rutherford and Whitlock were outstanding, the former scoring all three goals. Whitlock's stickwork is an example to his fellow players. Jenkius is showing improved form. At centrehalf Culliford provided a solid and at times brilliant defence. Henderson, who deputised owing to a shortage of players, helped considerably.

The full backs, Moss and Goldstone. combined well, showing the initiative necessary to counteract the hard forward rushes. Thompson, with fine clearing shots, did everything asked of him as the last line of defence.

## TRAMPING

WINTER CROSSING

It didn't cross. When a happy band again by opponents still in their teens. lorry at 8 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd, bush, fording swollen streams and The 'Varsity team consisted of sliding down gravel-slides to the ac-

Two hours after a good start found cendiarist hard at work. The hot the party launched out on their real patches of open bush were of no use ness found the group still making large holes in the snow and it was unanimously decided that one of Bob's bulldozers would be a good idea. was very grateful to McNaught and Oliver for the way in which they helped in the arduous task of trailbreaking and in the incessant hunt for blazes

### FOOD-SLEEP

Progress reports at 10.15 p.m. told been necessary in the circumstances, of a few torches on Blk. XVI and soon but he made only two mistakes, one they were wending their way into the Tauherenikau Valley, having aban-Taken all round, it would seem an doned their attempt to reach Alpha. all-round improvement is necessary Progress reports then failed as the in physical fitness, combination and operator had too much trouble in stickwork and it is up to each and keeping awake but it is said that on every player to start, not by criticis- their arrival at the hut seven hours ing his team-mate, as seems to be the later-5.15 a.m. - a few still had the

They were the only things that mattered. The necessity of sleep was almost too strong but later in the day the party made and had the utmost pleasure in eating their meal; it lasted for two hours, off and on.

The return lorry trip showed that the well-earned rest had revived the

Twenty-five members of the Tramping Club turned out for the Koroand save for a stop at Kalwarra to other Senior Reserve team should pick up a further member, did not prove the most interesting of the stop until Korokoro. Here the party the track incidentally leading to two reservoirs. Upon arrival at the Last Saturday's game against second reservoir a halt was called and 'Varsity, 4-1. The game was, how- lunch the usual roll call and introof the Weta and its young.

## TO BELMONT TRIG

After lunch three members de-Dr. Campbell was a tireless worker their respective ridges, being approxifirewood. Presently a roaring fire was blazing and the billy boiling.

The party then made its way to After a disappointing display the Porirua Railway Station and the fly, a type of hockey which is only against Victoria House, whom they arrived approximately three quarters Prose defeated by 4 goals to 3, the Weir of an hour before the train was due House XI, in defeating Huia by 3-2, to leave: having changed, the party Whereas the standard of hockey, gave their finest performance this then explored the immediate precincts of the station until such time as the

Dawn Croxton and Doris Johannestopnotchers are better than New Zea- performance for a novice team, son, of the Table Tennis Club, recently land's best, but an A grade university Earlier in the season there was a represented Wellington in a match player in New Zealand would probably tendency for most of the players to against Auckland. So far no men from dominate the tennis of an Oxford be individualistic but this has been the 'Varsity Club have won rep. honours.

## **HARRIERS**

'Varsity's senior teams found the opposition too difficult in the provincial championships' 61 mile race on Saturday, the 130 runners from 22 teams providing some very keen competition. Unfortunately the No. 2 team had been reduced to three men through injuries, and as four are necessary to constitute a team, these three men did not count in the team's race. The points of the two teams were made up as follows:---

No. 1 Team:-Scrymgeour .. .. .. .. .. 17 Newall Burge .. .. .. 55 De la Mare .. .. 65

Total ..... 146 Of the No. 2 team, Farquhar was 69th, but Powell and Fenton were a good way back.

ing seventh and tenth respectively. forties and O'Flynn, Burge and confesses that 'he has never heard of Henderson close together in the some of them.' sixtles. At the end of the first lap lying 7th, with Newall fifteenth, and no more is heard of it. Scrymgeour, however, was overtaken by two men before he reached home, women's cloak room lockers, appears finishing in ninth place. About the to be the next burning question, with fourteenth place several runners, the men appearing somewhat unconincluding Newall, came on to the cerned and the women determined to finishing ground in a bunch. Newall break down the wall of solid inertia. taking seventeenth place. Burge The Secretary is finally commissioned finished ten places ahead of De la to obtain quotations for the repairs; Mare, who was closely followed by the ladies appear satisfied, although Farquhar and Henderson, with aspersions are cast on the Secretary Powell. O'Flynn and Fenton a good for no good reason. distance back.

satisfactorily, the placings of the first year by certain irresponsibles, costs three men, who constituted the team. being:—

Canter .. .. .. 24 Daniell ... .. .. 44 Wilson

Total There were about sixty starters in

nine teams. team performed very creditably in- document which, inter alia, states:

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

With three of the regular players Poneke 5-2. The team seems to lack constructive play, although one or cutside their own course. two of the forwards stand out as the season. Geraldine Kean was College. prominent on Saturday, and with a little more finesse, would be a very sound player.

Mary Frankish was playing out of her position in goal, but made several good saves. The haives seemed a bit at a loss to deal with the fast Poneke forwards-positional play is a first essential of good half back play. Vesta Emmanuel at centre half played a consistent game. Betty Rider at left wing is very fast but had a tendency to lose possession without an argu- late in the Xmas vacation. ment last Saturday. The team, as a to be hoped that the Club will have thing. Anyway a bulldozer did it. more support next year. --I.E.A.

## THE EXECUTIVE MEETS

The other evening 'Salient' happens along, as usual, to the meeting of the executive, and finds a full and carnest gathering of the elect of V.U.C. It is a peaceful meeting, but tends to get grim as the night wears on; several interesting matters are discussed.

Before matters are well under way. Mr. Meek rushes in and mumbling something about 'the body,' dashes out amidst the plaudits of the multitude. The reason is not far to seek for the 'Body' proves to be the Joynt Scroll, a massive shield in silver and oak. 'Salient' inspects it closely and is amazed to find that V.U.C. has been the victors on no less than 14 occasions out of 32: C.U.C. is next with 9 . . . Floreat Victoria.

We Hear That:

Paul Schramm gives a recital in Scrymgeour and Newall were well the gym, on August 7th. When to the fore from the beginning, runn- further information re the programme is asked for by Miss Maysmor, Mr. They were followed by De la Mare in Hatherley strings out the list of comthe thirties with Farquhar in the posers, and, we are surprised to say,

The Table Tennis Club are not a Scrymgeour was maintaining his well behaved club, and appear to have position well, but Newall had dropped no idea of their proper place in the to fourteenth. They were followed scheme of things . . . for instance, it by De la Mare. Burge and Farquhar. appears they do not even know how to Burge seemed to have settled down stack forms carefully. There is some by this time and had gained a good vague talk of a chicken coop but deal of ground. Half-way through some mystery seems to be attached the second lap Scrymgeour was still to it, for Miss Ross applies the closure

Who broke the locks on the

Damage done by water at the The junior team performed quite Opera House during the Extrav, this the Student Association the sum of £8/13/7. The question of the culprits is mentioned but apparently the miscreant is without honour for he does not confess. The thought strikes us that perhaps it was cheap at the price . , . we may have lost the Opera House for good.

Correspondence from other colleges Canter and Daniell both ran sur- produces some interesting material. prisingly well, the former being in the notably from Canterbury where a first ten most of the way. Daniell committee which has been investifinished in fine style, narrowly miss- gating 'The Lecture System and Curing a higher place. On the whole this ricula.' It duly produces a lengthy

> -(1) That popular lectures should be given throughout the year for the benefit of all students irrespective of their faculty.

(2) Students should be given the away, the seniors were beaten by opportunity to attend lectures in subjects in which they are interested

(3) These facilities should also sound players. Dorothy Wimpenny be extended to graduates who wish to has played consistently throughout maintain their intellectual interest at

The V.U.C. exec. gives the idea of Student Congress its fullest support but will the students give it their support?

The idea, briefly, is to run the congress somewhat on the lines of the Teachers' Summer School, with lectures and discussion groups together with organised hikes, excursions and motor trips. It is hoped to obtain accommodation at some town near Wellington: the congress to take place

We learn, finally, that the working whole, is to be congratulated on bee is abandoned-either through keeping together this season and it is insufficient support or . . . or some-

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