What have we to do with these men of England, moving down the centuries from dimmest history? Have we anything in common with this peasant of the Dark Ages, or this workman from half the world away? What do we know of the English—"Pommie," we call them? And England? Some people call it home, and they fall only too often into the error of thinking that by associating themselves with the English they will achieve caste! The average New Zealander only too frequently accepts these things at their face value and England as a land of Noah and servile hangings on.

And moreover, we tend to associate England with a certain caste which, after all (we should know, because we have them here too) are not at all representative of the people as a whole. New Zealand is not very old—we have little over a century of pakeha history. It was at most a hundred years ago that the pioneer men and women arrived in this new strange country, and they spoke of England as home. However dreary, grim and poverty-stricken their lives may have been, and whatever were the wrongs they had suffered there, they retained an abiding affection for the land of their birth. As pioneers they had to face physical hardship and endure and suffer to build New Zealand as we see it today. This struggle was not new to them. They came from a fighting stock that had been struggling for their rights—their right to a better England before the Armada was ever sighted. They loved their country not blindly but with discernment, seeing and wishing to correct her faults. England is not a conglomeration of castes, ruins, country houses and picturesque cottages, and her history does not just concern the titled and great. While the great men of England were immersed in their politics the people of England struggled to live. One of the early leaders of the peasants was the priest John Ball; he denounced the barons for their cruelty and rapaciousness. For a long time he evaded the law and the lords but finally they took him and he died horribly. But he was not the last—there followed Wat Tyler, who led a revolt of the commons. He was murdered, the revolt was suppressed. "Serfs you are and serfs you shall remain in bondage not such as you have been hitherto subject but incomparably more vile," said the treacherous king. Grindelcombe, Wilt, White, Jack Cade, Jack Kett, Steere—there was no lack of stalwart Englishmen to declare for the freedom and right; and for the barons came the reply of mercenary soldiers, repression and death.

Lilburn, Winstanley, Bunyan—the scene changes; Cromwell gained the peasant support to dispose of Charles and then disposed of his one-time allies, growing too at this time was the demand for freedom of conscience. "Wilkes and Liberty," cried his electors when the conservative Parliament tried to refuse admittance to a duly elected member; Tom Paine watched the struggle in France and America of the forces of progress. Waterloo had brought peace to Europe, but in England the struggle for life renewed. The inglorious exploit of the army at Peterloo, the Six Acts and years of repression followed. Then reform—and after disillusionment with this Chartism a movement advo-

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No Man's Land

Dear Sir,—I notice in the library catalogues the infamous "Gay of the Night" by Jan Valtin, alias Eugene Lourdouin in the "p褪ty pictures" of anti-democratic and anti-Soviet pornography is classified under, of all things, "Political Science". From what I can gather, the publishers didn't have the impudence to describe it on the dust jacket as other than fiction! As the author has recently been given five years' penal servitude in the United States as a Nazi spy isn't it high time it was removed?

STUDENT.

Dear "Salient!"—I was pleased to see that in your last issue the tone of the stories changed, and considering all the serious vein. Previously so much has been of a frivolous and almost ridiculous nature, which at the present time is quite unseated for. If the University is to share its part in the post-war reconstruction, thought should be given to ways and means now, and it seems that "an organ of student opinion" is as good a mouthpiece as any.

In peace time the position is vastly different, and articles and letters may be more published as you like, but with problems of such vast magnitude facing us of the younger generation, it is hardly right wasting newprint on matters of little or no concern—I am, etc.,

M. F. GRAY.

Dear Sir,—Your issue of May 26th has been stupid and what a shame it is to be a semi-semi-editorial, all adversely criticising Extrav.

As a humble citizen, perhaps a little too long in the tooth, but fortunately retaining some of the verve of youth, I must say I found Extrav. well up to the standard of shows of stories, characters, and considering all the difficulties that must have been associated with the prestige of the Division, the location for instance, quite comparable with overseas efforts in that it was typical of modern and topical ideas.

To say that it was a "tirade of abuse" (strong words) against our Division, our Allies, private politicians, and political luminaries, is, of course, ridiculous.

With all respect to the puritans perhaps Extrav. was a good show, no doubt requiring a great deal of hard work in the trying times we now live in.

Of course University life breeds a kind of self "centre-ism" in some (unfortunately), but take it from me, it will be a sad, sad, sorry day when we are so wrapped up in our own little worlds. Most hearty congratulations to all concerned with Extrav., in front, behind, before, and after.

G. H. UNDERWOOD.

LITERARY ENTRANCE

The next tea dance is to be held on Saturday, 11th June, and will be under the auspices of the Extrav. We have therefore thanked the Editor for good books for your friends and fellow students overseas, and turn them in at the door on Saturday night.

WALT WHITMAN.

THINGS TO COME

Club Secretaries are reminded that they are responsible for giving notice of forthcoming activities either to the Editor of Henry Loco, or to Men's Letter Rack.

We do feel that we should exploit one feature of the Extra's, the promised review of the Extrav. arrived after the last issue, the article, and deserved praise was not given apart from this review, owing to our oversight, if you can do so, or after the event, worked to make the show a success. So we now offer our congratulations—Ed.}

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EDITORIAL

Examinations and the Army

The publication of marks for the term examinations in the Science Faculty raises an urgent problem: What is to be done with students who are too lazy or too dull to make reasonable progress? Should we give them another chance or should they be removed and the way left open for those who are doing better work?

There are two related problems to consider: What is best for those whose marks fall below 25% and what is best for the fellow-students.

In peace time the University refuses responsibility for tail-enders. Their time is their own and they can waste it if they want to.

But can such an easy-going attitude be condoned in war time? Is the University playing fair with the people of New Zealand by allowing sluggards and dandies to shelter within its walls? Can it be honestly said that anyone is of more value to the war effort when getting 15% in a Stage I subject than when working in a factory or on a farm?

This tail-end contributes nothing to the progress of a class, and everyone knows that this year Science classes are larger and more cumbersome than ever before. Contrary to common belief this expansion is not greater than would have been expected for 1943 if the peace time rate of increase had been maintained.

But unfortunately there has not been a corresponding increase in teaching facilities and staff, and while the war lasts no improvement in this direction is to be expected.

With overcrowding on every hand, should time, energy and valuable material be wasted on students who can only drag along 20% below the lowest terms mark?

The removal of those with low marks would do much to relieve the congestion without materially affecting the number of graduates, and if graduates we want, good graduates, the best our faculties can produce.

At the Undergrads. Supper Dave Cohen urged us to study as we have never studied before. What is to be done with students who are unable or unwilling to profit from Varsity courses? students who are hedging others without benefitting themselves.

Should the Professorial Board recommend the removal of those whose marks indicate lack of work or lack of brains? or should nothing be done and these slackers be allowed to fritter away another term in idleness or poker playing?

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critically present-day Parlia-
mentary democracy, reaching its cli-
max in 1848. "Whenever free speech is
attempted to be put down," said William Morris, "it is your bidden
duty to resist by every means in your
power."

Wherever Englishmen went they took with them this spirit of real de-

cor.-service it was inadequate to
deploy to their country or their
ideas. Nor was love of their own

country selfish. They wished their

country a better place, perhaps, but
not at the expense of its neighbours.
Real devotion to one's country—courage
to build and fight for the things
you treasure more dearly than those
are not even your own demands can be
shared by any people. We love New
Zealand, as the Englishman loves Eng-
lnd—not selfishly but with affection
and pride in work done—a pride that
should prove a bond with, not a bar-
rier to, other nations.

When there are no more memories of
heroes and martyrs.

And when all life and all the souls of
men and women are discharged from
any part of the earth,

Then only shall liberty be the idea of
liberty be discharged from any part
of the earth.

And the indelible come to full perma-

Then courage, European revoler re-

For till all cease neither must you
crust.

WALT WHITMAN.
EXEC. TO WRESTLE BOARD WORRY WILL ALSO MOVE FOR PATRIOTIC FUNDS

Accommodation for women students, more parcels for overseas, students' work day, army education, library, physical education, and Zenith. As Exec. agenda was a heavy one.

Mrs. Boyd brought up the position of the women students. Mrs. Boyd pointed out that the position of the women was deep in concern. They wished to meet representatives of the Exec. Mrs. Boyd, Janet Grant, and Janet Bogle were appointed to see what could be done for the women students.

The Exec. approved the suggestion for an extra parcel this year for the students overseas, to commemorate the fine job of work just finished in Africa. As Mr. Whitcomb had fought it up, he was asked to take the responsibility.

T. Finance Report.

Treasurer Starkes reported on our financial matters at the present time as an approximate cash balance of $1,250, we've doing very well. It seems, though, of course, it was a favor done for us to get us made for meeting this year's club grants.

The Capping Revue showed a net profit of $26,10/0. This is to be added to $117,70 already in the club's funds, which is $135,70/0, which, considering the number of complimentary tickets and the large number of students catering and decorations which Miss Wilton and her assistants provided, was very good.

Capping Ball resulted in a net loss of $19,60/0. Considering the high cost of the Cabaret ($350) and that complimentary tickets for 210 (including lecturers) were issued in addition to the budgeted 120, the loss is nothing to worry about. Ten dollars have accumulated profits totalling $72,20/0.

Another Work Day.

A statement on the work to date, and a closer look at the lines of the most successful I.S.S. Day was compensated this year, but naturally the planning for a new course is difficult.

Sherwood Cup

Since the vast stretch of territory from the banks of Montezuma to the surrounding mountains it was necessary to include the lush hills of Paeka-kariki, the Sherwood Cup course this year was laid through the gorse bush of Tawa Flat, which even the toughest marion find most inhospitable. Thus, instead of the usual course from "Sherry's" to the "Yul," the course took place from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newall at Lindon.

A close finish resulted in Ian Mc- Dowell winning from Peter de la Mare and Robert Smith. Robert Smith and Miss O'Connor close behind. For most of the race Doug. Olsen was in the lead and probably wasted considerable effort finding the trail for the more experienced men. The race was won by a few hundred yards before passing the finish line, and though quite new to the sport, shows all the Swedes' aptitude for harling and running. Unfortunately, but he is as yet too match in low cunning for Olsen. He had the misfortune, apparently, that he had another misfortune which was a loss of a shoe. The closed handicap for the cup resulted in a tie between Doug. and Peter, with Ian. The slow runners were not sufficiently appreciated this year, but naturally the planning for a new course is difficult.

CALLING ALL CHRISTIANS.

The S.C.M. claims to be a fellowship of students where every honest seeker after truth is welcome. Don't shy off it under the impression that it is all religious and nothing to do with you. We are seekers in a particular field, we are searching Christli- anity to see if we can find truth. Some of us have made a discovery or two, perhaps several; some of us just setting out on the search. Christianity is a way of living, of getting the best out of life, through the friendship of Jesus Christ. You are invited to visit us. It may be just what you have tried it. How about it?

KEY BOARD-MUSIC

Only a few people were privileged to hear Mr. R. S. Parker speak on "Key Board Music" at the April meeting. Those who don't know much about key- board instruments as such, it was an eye-opener, as even the experts must have learned a thing or two.

Mr. Parker first dealt generally (with references to animals) with the main classes of instruments and showed how key-boards had been applied to almost all types. To many people a key-board means "piano and organs," but there are dozens of other types not so well known. We were then initiated into the advantages of having a key-board, such as the ability to produce harmony on a solo instrument. An adequate aim of education with each instrument in turn, distilling the organ rather summarily perhaps, but treating with loving care the clavichord, harpsichord, spinet, or virginal, until he can see the queen of instruments, the piano. We noted with attention his advocacy of the clavichord, and heard of those who had written for it. Mr. Parker put on some records first, of a clavichord sonata by Kuhnau, then a Harpsichord sonata by Scarlatti. Finally he showed us a few key-boards really could do, and as a contrast to the tinkling brilliance of the earlier instruments, he himself played a slow, sombre, beautiful piece by De- bussy, "In a Gothic Cathedral."—I.J.Z.

The Habitual Vision of Greatness

For the last 28 years man has been beleaguered. He was pulled to pieces by psychologists, and scientists saw him as a bottle of chemical substances. An adequate aim of education, however, should be to make him want to see greatness. To be different from anthropoid apes, Mr. Wadman points out, you must be able to think for yourself, to develop your own ideas, and to be able to communicate these ideas to others. (One wonders: He admits, all the same, that he has not thought it through and that dualism resulted when the West met the Orient. He is a dualist himself; day life and saintliness at church on Sundays. The church has never offered new solutions to old problems. At its best, Christianity has repaired the damage done by others. Speaking of the enjoyment of creative work, Bussala, according to Mr. Wadman, has given even a fac- tory-hand an interest in his work, however mechanical it might be. He is working for himself or for the community. In other countries the problem we've got we've got into the way. How, I wonder, does he combine this with his assumption that God is never directly the author of disorder. Things go wrong only when interfered with by men. Isn't there too much laissez-faire in it?

The Society of Friends is the only society which has been able to point the necessity for simplicity and beauty. He is a very well known man on the stage today and showed Mr. Wadman's deep concern with the problems of life, the practical nature of art and his desire to solve them in his own way. The thirty-old people present gave Mr. Wadman all their attention, which was more than earned, and the occasion was lively. —J.B.

COMINTERN DISSOLVED

The dissolution of the 3rd Communist International has been recently different quarters with with different feelings in different countries. The leaders of the six countries who would perhaps unhesitatingly assist them in their ends, had this event as the collapse of Communism the way of every another section, among whom we find those desiring of seeing the speed: and final crushing of Nades and its satellites have hailed this move as the "final battle for freedom." It was various sections of the present struggle. Yet still another section, thinking neither nay, said yourselves in the position of simply not knowing.

In forming an opinion upon this important event, it is necessary to review the purposes of the International, its function, and finally the true significance of its dissolution. The purpose of the 3rd Communist International, established in 1919 as a replacement of the first of the opportunist Second International, was to preserve the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin despite the distortion by those opportunist ele- ments, and to help unite into genuine working class parties the most advanced sections of the workers in each country. The Comintern was able to mobilise the masses of toilers in defence of their political and economic interests and because such a C.I. has resulted in the creation of strong Communist parties, everywhere, these parties are able to stand on their own feet and in the main pursue a correct line of activity based on the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, as exemplified and in the united efforts of every Communist Party of the world towards the complete defeat of Fascism, the enemy of all working peoples. Hence, by the fulfil- ment of its purpose the C.I. has brought about conditions which make possible and necessary its dissolution.

In addition, the conditions of the war make it impossible for the C.I. to work to organise and pre- ordinate the comrade. Again, the dissolution of the C.I. helps to dis- cover certain points in which the Soviet Union is attempting to shrewdly use the war at one hand, fear of the so-called "foreign" affliations of their own C.P.s. The dis- solution of these barriers to complete cooperation among allied nations, and complete unity within each nation, is a necessary step forward towards complete defeat of Fascism and the consolidation of the peace to follow.

The dissolution has relieved the Nazi propaganda of its most powerful instrument. The Fascist Axis powers organized around the nucleus of the "Anti-Comintern Pact" have with their pernicious propaganda appealed to the reactionary forces in every country in the world—using the all- leaged desire for "export revolution" and the myth of identity of the C.I. with the Soviet Union to put the unity of the anti-Fascist countries in a new light. In addition, the action of the E.C.C.I. in dissolving the Inter- national is a desirable and neces- sary step towards the consolidation of the immediate future.
Sports Editorial

HUSH!

Every year Varsity sports clubs gather together to elect strong silent men and women to positions on committees. Maybe they are not always strong, but their silence no one can doubt. These furtive hands sink round gathering information apparently for the purpose of concealing it from the inquisitive. Requests that their glorious achievements be paraded before a goggle-eyed public through the columns of "Salient!" fill them with superstitious horror. Of course such notoriously vulgar people as the Trampers and Harriers, being either ignorant or contemptuous of this fine old tradition, consistently blossom into print to prate of their exploits. For this they suffer the penalty of increased numbers of the common herd being attracted to their ranks by their blatant vulgarity; deceived into thinking these to be the only live clubs in the College.

Mind you, we must not be unfair to these conspirators of silence. We must admit that they have never objected to "Salient!" sending one of their large and brilliant sports staff to report their match as a matter of fact, several of these have suggested that we try it. However, when the suggestion was put to the large and brilliant sports staff they respectfully declined owing to his advancing years and the fact that he wasn't the Lord God from Whom nothing is hid. This mysterious remark, it appears, is somehow connected with there being altogether about twenty sports teams at Varsity which have an insidious habit of playing not only on different grounds but also of all different at the same hour.

Bunked in this direction we have to fall back on the old method of pleading with club secretaries to submit regular brief reports to "Salient," not only to keep fellow students informed of their doings, but also in order to save our large and brilliant sports staff from perjuring himself every fortnight concocting colourful lies such as even Hitler might envy.

If, however, a science student, you cannot write English, don’t let it worry you, for there is no one on "Salient" staff capable of recognising the fact.

—A.O.B.

Basketball

This year the University teams have not yet won a game in the Wellington Basketball matches. In the first games of the season, the Senior A team was defeated by Asparagus and the Senior B team lost to Wellington East Old Girls. The other Saturday night the A team was defeated by Kia Ora, and the B team by W.Y.C.A.

In the first half of the match against Kia Ora the team played well, and the two teams seemed evenly matched. Unfortunately one of our girls had to go off at half time, and she was replaced by Thea Muir in the forwards. This left only two girls, Mollie Wicks and Joyce Strange, in the centre. Although these girls put up a fine show, Kia Ora now had it much easier than the match from the start of 23-10 to Kia Ora. Slight faults, such as stepping with the ball and over-defence, were noticeable throughout the game, and these must be corrected.

The Senior B team also unfortunately played one short. If it had not been for this handicap, the score would have been much more even. Arla Reed, nobly assisted by Norma Henderson, scored the majority of goals, and the final result was 21-6 to W.Y.C.A. The team is shaping well, and they deserve better luck in their next match.

(This hope was not realised, as last Saturday the Senior A team lost to High School Boy 14-6, and the Senior B team to Taupo 16-4.—Ed.)

Woodman—

Spare That Tree

It is some time since the tramping club has made a worthwhile contribution to the maintenance of the Tararuas highways and byways, but a few weeks-ends back saw eleven enthusiastic members go to town on the Mitre Flats track, and some excellent work was done.

On Saturday the climbers slashed their way through the dripping second growth, the axe rose and fell, and the chips flew, while the cross-cut saw played great havoc with a couple of windfalls until it stopped work, hours before time.

Wet and weary in the gathering darkness, the party arrived at Mitre Flats and there, my word! Someone else had been working. Saturday afternoon had seen the re-erection of the two fake saws and the River—those two wires which had enabled many crossings to be made of flooded, and otherwise impassable, muddy torrent.

But, boy oh boy, did we make up for that, the calories expended. The tramping club surely has some great eaters among its members, and not-withstanding that beriel outline, food was consumed as we have never seen it consumed before.

The committee would like to thank those who contributed to this stout effort—it was a great success.

Muddied Gentlemen

This is the seventh week of the soccer club's existence. The team entered in the senior B Competition under the able leadership of Nev. Ninisburke, has shown itself to be at least as near to its wartime standard, having won one, drawn one and lost four games all by small margins. The star player is Colin Richardson at centre half, who represented Wellington against Lower Hutt on King's Birthday. His strenuous efforts, together with those of the two backs, Beige and Dickson, do much to make up for the lack in experience and practice of the forwards, whose combination is adversely affected by constant changes in personnel. Nevertheless, they occasionally justify their existence by scoring a goal. It is pleasing to note that though the team has not yet worked up a combination, the play of individual members has improved considerably.

Victorious Victoria

The Victoria College Table Tennis Club has two teams in the Wellington Association's competition—one in C grade and one in D grade. The latter was demoted to D without trial, and after reviewing the results that the Wellington Association could well have taken the advice of the V.U.C. club secretary about the team.

The C grade team which beat the grotesquely-titled Colbeal team on 21st May in the Gym, was composed of Peter de la Mare, Ray Harris, Alain Smith and Art. Rone. These four carried off a twelve-nil victory. The opposition was weak, so the writer cannot gauge this team's strength. On the following night, the D grade team played Osmol. Playing under the Association's strange system of scoring for grade D downwards, V.U.C. won 15-5. That result speaks volumes for this inexperienced team, two of whom have not played in bowrowing matches. It was composed of Bob Vance, Mac Griffin, Ash Cooper and Iven Tins. Another match and a bit more patience together in doubles should see this team on top.

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Excelsior!

At the unearthly hour of 9.20 W.Y.C.T.C. selected a carriage from the "madding" crowd. The whistle was heard and the train charged off through the haze of a Sunday morning, to Titahi Bay. There the weather was more hopeful, and the enthusiastic ones, lunch in hand, scrambled over the rocks and through an empty cave, where the experienced trampers went over the hill. All assembled to be photographed in dashing positions and to hear about the tricks and truths of rock-climbing from Mr. Harold Kalam, a veteran climber who proved most patient and long-suffering. Then, while some practised nearby, others went exploring, and the two Dougles successfully landed a crayfish, five large crabs, many paaaas and an octopus. Rested, they climbed the slab with some difficulty, and the pinnacle with more. With the going down of the sun they said goodbye to Titahi, Areala for a day.

The first of a series of four discussions on the U.S.S.R.

Russia in the World Today

is to be held on Sunday, 13th June, at 7.30 p.m. Students interested should contact A. W. Winchester, A. V. O'Brien, or Cecil Crompton.

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