STUDENTS, 150 of them, members of the S.C.M. met at Scots College for a week during January.

The Summer Conference of the S.C.M. took as its theme “Worship and Life” and Salient here publishes a report, a personal report from one of the students who attended and found the Conference informative, interesting as well as an excellent holiday.

The theme of the Conference was “Worship and Life.” Perhaps already you may have written “How dillettante! Have you nothing new, then, to offer us?” The Conference, however, found the theme relevant enough. Do you think that the prevailing idea of the Conference was one of popped-up humanism, some people, on seeing the title of the theme, will doubtless have a vision, in pseudo-ecological jargon, of something to do with the life of the balanced life, of the asceticism for Man to pay his respects to his Maker if he is to preserve that fully rounded psychological wholeness which is considered the pre-requisite of the good life. Such an idea was not current at Conference.

There may have been whispers of it when speakers referred vaguely to the asceticism of the cloister, to the hierarchy of man’s response to his environment, and the necessity of the workshop in which it involved, but the idea was never explicitly affirmed. Any worshipping Christian community will bear witness to the inadequacy of that conception and the Summer Conference of the S.C.M. is no exception.

SACRAMENTAL STUDY

A large part of the studies at Conference were centred around the Holy Communion, and from the af-firmation in those studies of the reality of that sacrament, sprang perhaps the most fruitful idea which emerged from the Conference: sacramental living; that is to say, living which draws its meaning and strength not only from its Scriptural source but also from its inspiration and influence from worship in the sacristy, and that not by any process of psychologica- lisation, but by the grace of God manifested particularly through the Sacrament.

By referring to the Holy Communion as a sacrament we mean, as was made abundantly clear by our considerations of the New Testament sources and the nature of Christ’s sacrifice, roughly that in the performance of that act of worship, God’s grace is conferred upon us in a peculiar way, in a unique manner, in the performance of the sacrament en-
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEWS FOR CHINESE STUDENTS

SIR,—The V.U.G. Catholic Students' Guild has received the following information from the representative of the Catholic Students' Guild of Hong Kong. We would be grateful if you would pass it on to the students of your college by way of your paper.

"There is a point which I would like to suggest to you as a means of co-operation and help for Chinese students. Catholic and non-Catholic alike, who may be studying in your country. For many months we have been in touch with the daily newspapers of the various countries carrying practically condensed and certainly no word of hope for the future. We have begun the sending out of a monthly newsletter in Chinese on an air-mail form to Chinese students all over the world. The letter gives a summary of the most important news of the month from China, word of the stand that the Church is taking and practical advice about letters home, etc., and most important, the word of hope an encouragement for the future. It is sent to be a link for the students with a "safe" place in China—here in Hong Kong we are in the privileged position of being in very close contact with the life behind the scenes, and the situation is a little more hopeful, and at the same time complete liberty to communicate with the rest of the free world.

"Needless to say, the letter has no political slant whatever; it is simply an official work of the Church here, for the students. It is sponsored by Pux Romana headquarters, and has the official blessing of the Apostolic Nuncio to China. It is produced by the China Missionary Bulletin and is written by a priest. Any addresses of students that we receive are regarded as completely private, for use only in our newsletter file, special care is taken to the fact that they are safeguarded. The letter contains no political or financial advice for the student. They may write us if they desire, but it is simply a service and a help to themselves.

"We have no addresses to date in New Zealand, and we would be most grateful if you could assist us to contact any students, Catholic or non-Catholic, who may be known to your Society. China is undergoing so great suffering, but when the time comes it will have such great need of her students from overseas return to re-build the country we pray for, for God—and anything we can do for them now will be later be a healthier fruit in hundred fold."

The Guild suggests that any Chinese students interested should forward their names to Miss Nao John, Catholic Centre, King's Building, Hong Kong. (Pax Romana is the International Catholic Student Organisation, and any work which it sponsors can be treated as being of good intent.)

Yours sincerely,
D. E. HURLEY.

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At Raumati Responsibility
Discussion The Key

WITH the 70 students present agreed on fundamentals, the
University Catholic Society at Raumati discussed aspects of student responsibility with a mini-
mum of distraction by side issues. Responsibilities were discussed under four heads: Spiritual, Social and Professional and Political.

Every speaker stressed the necessity of building a complete personality whose main activities were mainly centered in the University. University clubs and societies were given first place as proper loyalties of every student.

TO PRAY IS TO BE IN TOUCH

Mr. H. D. Read, a Dutch priest, who was impressed by the Japanese
experience for several years during the war, lectured on Spiritual Responsibility.

His lecture postulated the three ways of knowing God: natural, dog-
matic and ritual. The theory that God is the sum of all that is good, was expressed as the spiritual responsibility of everyone.

SYMPATHY, SOCIAL AND
POLITICAL

The two symposia on Social and Political responsibilities included two spheres of reference: The Social Sphere of the Churches and Profes-
sional Responsibility.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Mr. R. G. O'Brien, M.Corn.,
asked, "How do we know what others are doing?"

In the political and social sphere was the responsibility of the individual to the society in which he lived, and the general interest so that men may not be so ignorant and suffering as to be unable to love and think about God and their neighbours.

Mr. Read considered that the Church is a guiding light and that the Church should be the conscience of the time.

Collectivism either by mono-
polies or by state was rejected as

A NOTE... OF APOLOGY

DUE to a shortage of space in our last issue we were unable to publish John Coyle's note on the article "A Book About Your Life" in his Jubilee History—"Victoria University College". Professor Beaglehole, M.A. (N.Z.), Ph.D. (London.), is History Research Fellow and lecturer in Colonial History. Latest tribute to his brilliance as an editor is to be U.N.E.S.C.O., as a writer of the first international world history.

Legal and Commercial Texts

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FIELD events star I. Lissienko will not be eligible for Easter Tournament.

V.I.U. will miss one of New Zealand’s best discuss men owing to the fact that Lissienko did not take a sufficient number of lectures last year.

This fact is no reflection on him but it is not a cheering fact.

His performances during the season have been outstanding in spite of the New Zealand carelessness in regard to throwing circles.

In our last issue we gave the details of the Tournament, the University Jubilee Tournament, being held this year in Wellington. The greatest problem is still the billing of students from other Colleges. Remember you may be billed yourself some day and try and help the organisers.

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(ausp. V.U.C. Socialist Club)

Drama

"The Rivals"

Corny! Ameritabul! Too serious!

Boring! These are the sentiments expressed by students who never go to the theatre. Time-wasting? Time-voiding? No. Valuable shows are growing.

"The Rivals" is a funny play. Those who saw Old Vic’s "School for Scandal" know that Sheridan is funny, and humorous. The Rivals has much the same effect.

The Rivals is a play which holds its own, never fades, and usually fascinates even if the acting is not, professional standard.

From the 22nd to the 22nd of March V.U.C. Drama Club is playing The Rivals in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. You can afford to go and you are sure to enjoy it when you do.

Salient will review the play, never fear, and if Salient’s critic thinks the production deserves an egg he (or she) will say so. The point is Salient’s critic will go and see. Why don’t you?