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"What! should I don this robe?"
—Titus Andronicus.

For some weeks previous to the last Annual Meeting of the Students' Association, a document setting forth the advantages of general adoption of the distinct academic costume by students was prepared by an enthusiastic and circulated freely through the College. The result of a general discussion of the whole question at the meeting was that a fair majority were in favour of requesting the Professorial Board to allow the wearing of the gown by those desirous of doing so. This request has since been considered by the Board which has refused to take any action in the matter. In a due spirit of sadness and humility we bow to the Professorial decision.

The supporters of the innovation give two chief reasons for their advocacy of the system, and regard them as beyond argument. The first is that the members of such an illustrious
institution as Victoria College has now become, should on those occasions upon which they come into official contact with the general public, seize the opportunity of impressing the populace by a general display of the costume which denotes their membership. There is no doubt that many of the public do regard Victoria College as a kind of secondary school. It takes an equal place in their minds with Wellington College or St. Patrick’s College, or possibly would do so if it possessed a better football team. Anything that will help to remove this impression is worthy of a trial. The second reason is more closely connected with the ordinary College life, and lies in the added dignity to the wearer, in the improvement to the outward appearance of the College, and in the constant suggestion of the ideals which it is hoped will be associated in the minds of students with these relics of antiquity.

There are several reasons for the non-adoption of the idea which probably influenced the decision of the Professorial Board. First and foremost, as uniformity is the essential basis of the desired improvement optional adoption of the costume is useless, as a considerable section of the students can be relied upon not to exercise their privilege. Of 407 students now on the roll only 119 signed the document in favour of the movement. This is not sufficient ground upon which to assume that the desire for gowns is general in the College. Then at the last meeting of the Council the advisibility of raising lecture fees in order to cope with the increasing expenditure of the institution was discussed, and with this possibility in view, the expense of gowns becomes a consideration. Again there is already insufficient room for the requirements of actual work at the College. With the introduction of the gowns would come the necessity of providing lockers in which each student could keep his treasures under lock and key. Where are these to be erected, and from what source is the amount of the necessary expenditure to be derived?

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"How long shall I be patient." — Richard II.

During the last few months the work of canvassing the Middle University and the City of Wellington for the amount necessary to complete the sum required for the erection of a College Gymnasium and Social Hall has been steadily progressing, and has met with sufficient success to warrant an impression that the material consummation of our hopes cannot now be very long deferred.
The deputation which recently waited upon the Minister for Education met with a favourable reception, and Cabinet has shewn a practical interest in the work and welfare of Victoria College by placing, in aid of the fund, a sum of £572 (being £ for £ of the amount in hand at the time of the visit of the deputation) on the estimates which Parliament will be asked to pass next session. For this favour we are sincerely grateful.

To erect a building which shall accord with the ideas and suggestions of the gentleman who was responsible for the donation of £250, a sum of about £1500 will be required, of which amount about £1180 will be at the disposal of the Committee when they receive the Government subsidy. The students themselves are responsible for £180 of the money, which means that the general public have subscribed a total of about £180.

Deeply appreciative as we are of this assistance from our friends and well-wishers, we are certainly not of opinion that such an amount adequately represents the interest which ought to be taken in Victoria College by that section of the people of New Zealand to whose educational requirement she ministers. A far seeing citizen cannot fail to recognise that any action of his which tends to stimulate or assist the present day desire for increased knowledge, is the surest provision he can make for the future welfare of the state.

This building is a real need at Victoria College, more so this year than ever, on account of an increase in the number of students; and there can be no doubt that its erection will be in the best interests of the general development of the youth of the district, and that it deserves the hearty support of the general public.

The opinion has been expressed by many that the Committee should proceed at once with the money already available, but it seems to us that any such hasty action at this stage of the proceedings would be extremely inadvisable. Even if it is necessary to wait another year, the advantage of then being in a position to erect a substantial building which will not be inadequate for its requirements after the lapse of a few years, far outweighs any inconvenience at present caused by its non-existence.

"All studies here I solemnly defy," —I Henry IV.

Most of our readers are aware of the recent decision of the Cabinet to show in a practical manner its faith in the value of University Education by establishing scholarships for the
assistance of post-graduate research work. The scholarships are to be of an annual value of £100, tenable for two years, and their object is to promote investigation of subjects in which research is likely to be of value to the industries of the Dominion. The encouragement of a system of education which shall ultimately benefit the people at large should be the aim of a democratic community, and we believe that the results of the present experiment will fully justify the enterprise of the Government.

It has been argued by a correspondent in one of the daily papers that the scheme as at present constituted is not the best for the achievement of the object in view, and that it would be better to send the selected candidates Home for three years under agreement to return. It is the old cry "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" We would like to protest against the all too prevalent idea that the colonial-trained man is necessarily and always inferior to the imported article. Certainly greater facilities for research would be available at Home, but how can our products and our economic conditions be efficiently studied on the other side of the world? Again, how long would a really first-class man stay in New Zealand after he did return?

The future prosperity of our country greatly depends on a scientific development of its natural resources, and a step towards that end will have been taken when the research scholars commence their work. We do not expect to see the result of their labours at once, nor is any great advance of our industrial conditions to be expected even after some years—the thorough investigation of any of the specified subjects is probably sufficient to occupy the whole time of some generations of scientists. Nevertheless, improvement must ensue, and official recognition of the expediency of research work may help to dispel the notion that University education is of no practical utility.

"God defend me from these two!" —Merchant of Venice.

On behalf of the students of Victoria College we have much pleasure in welcoming to our midst the new members of the staff, Professors Picken and Adamson. Professor Picken's mission is to elucidate the inner mysteries of the science of mathematics, while Professor Adamson will control the studies of a section of the legal community in the College.
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CAPPING CARNIVAL.

HAVE YOU BEEN INTRODUCED TO

YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS?

Though you be an absolute stranger to every other student in the College, we want YOU, if only for that very reason, to make a special point of attending the

VICTORIA COLLEGE

Students' Association Annual CAPPING CARNIVAL and GRADUATES' SUPPER, to be given in the Sydney Street Schoolroom, on the 25th instant, in honour of the Graduates of the year. Each one of the 407 students now attending lectures at our College doubtless

EXPECTS

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

THAT

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

EVERY STUDENT

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

WILL

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

DO

well to take advantage of such opportunities for the promotion of social intercourse and good fellowship, as will be offered them on the 25th and 27th June by the RE-UNION of past and present graduates and undergraduates in honour of those whose hard-earned Diplomas will be presented to them on Capping Day. The Chancellor will doubtless have

HIS

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

DUTY

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

ASK ABOUT IT! THINK ABOUT IT! TALK ABOUT IT!

BUT DON'T FORGET ABOUT IT!
The Seventh Inter-University-College Tournament.

HELD AT DUNEDIN, EASTER, 1908.

"Trooping they came, from near and far,
The jovial priests of mirth and war,
Alike for feast and war prepared,
Battle and banquet both they shared."
—Scott.

Since its inception in 1902, the Tournament has with each succeeding year established itself more and more securely in the affections of all true students, until at the present time the five crowded days of eager strife and merriment which surround the occasion are undoubtedly looked forward to more than any other portion of the year. In earlier days our representatives had the annual "time of their lives" and even achieved some worthy feats of arms on occasion, but in general the older Colleges shared the spoil: we "also started" and applauded the winners.

The tide has been setting more our way of late, but the Athletic shield has never rewarded our efforts until now, after six long years of scarred defeat, Victoria College has at last achieved supremacy in this branch of the contest. The smile on Manager Dixon's expressive countenance, as he watched the boys "getting there," last Easter Monday, was a wonderful thing to see. The team was a sound combination, but the credit of the result must be shared with those who trained so hard beforehand, and made it certain that no man gained his badge who was not fit to uphold the honour.
We can only hope that the same enthusiasm will be in evidence next year, when we shall be defending our title on our own ground. The Relay Race Trophy and the Ladies’ Cup, held by the winner of most points in the Athletic Championship, are still our own; while the Joynt Debating Scroll also returns to welcome the Athletic Shield to our common room at Kelburne—long may they reign there together. The Tennis Cup has returned to its old haunts, the halls of Canterbury College.

Our “crowd” were just the same old happy family as ever—if not more so,—and at all times, those who were for the nonce on the bank, “came to light” nobly, and whether applauding an extra-abstruse point of the debaters, cheering the lady tennis players, or preparing a man for his final run, were just as staunch and loyal as we hope they ever will be.

**VICTORIA COLLEGE TEAMS.**

“Good, great and joyous, beautiful and free.”

—Prometheus.

More general interest was taken in training operations this year than has ever been the case before; the lure of the coming Tournament was a power in the land weeks before Easter. It is a pity that of the large number in active training, so few devote any attention to hurdles, jumping, walking, and the hammer and shot; there is still room for more competition in those events, and even if our present exponents were perfect, they cannot last for ever.

The Teams were as follows:

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| Ladies’ Singles | Misses Scott, McIntosh, and Reeve
| " Doubles | Misses Scott and McIntosh
| | Misses Reeve and McKellar
| | Misses Cooke and Atkinson
| Men’s Singles | G. S. Prouse and R. St. J. Beere
| Men’s Doubles | G. S. Prouse and R. St. J. Beere
| Combined Doubles | D. S. Smith and E. N. Mansfield
| | G. S. Prouse and Miss Scott
| | R. St. J. Beere and Miss Reeve

DEBATING.

John Mason and H. E. Evans (elected by Debating Society.)

G. F. Dixon was once more appointed Manager of the Team.

THE TRIP.

"Now, my masters, for a true face and good conscience!"

—Henry IV.

"Be calm, good wind, blow not."

—Two Gent. of Verona.

The Auckland Team had arrived on Wednesday, and on Thursday night an enthusiastic crowd of barrackers cheered both teams on to the Rotomahana, which was once again to have the honour of conveying the flower of our Northern Chivalry against the foe, and on this occasion behaved in a manner worthy of the trust.

The first flush of excitement was scarcely past ere the strident notes of a Capping Song quivered on the quiet air, summoning the faithful to the top deck. Some were faithful and came, others were faithful and didn’t. Ivor Davie and a mandolin kept the fun going merrily until the Steward’s “All ladies below, please” left the festive band with no interest in any thing but bunk. An hour or so next morning was devoted to the practice of a fearsome haka, specially compiled for the occasion, which paled the brow of the foe on several exciting
occasions later. Dixon managed to get past Lyttleton this time, and a strong Canterbury Contingent joined forces at Christchurch for the last stage.

Cold rain was falling when Dunedin was reached, but the Otago war-cry warmed the blood at once, and we were soon scattered over the city under the protecting wings of our respective hosts.

THE MAYORAL RECEPTION.

"God keep your worship! I wish your worship well."

—Much Ado.

Cold but clear was the weather report next morning, and a numerous assemblage attended the official welcome of His Worship the Mayor of Dunedin. His Worship expressed his pleasure at meeting such an array of brain, brawn and beauty, and promised fair weather with vigorous opposition from Otago representatives. As an old athlete, he delighted to find that the honor and glory of winning were considered sufficient prize by the visitors in the strife, and on behalf of the citizens hoped our stay in Dunedin might be very enjoyable.

Dixon, in reply for the three visiting Colleges, was in great form. Incidentally he said he had attended a few tournaments (with his coat sagging perceptibly under the weight of his badges) expressed hearty appreciation of our kind welcome, and announced the firm determination of the Northerners to uphold their end of the stick or to be crushed under it like men.

Cheers and counter cheers broke up the gathering: the running men intent on a winding-up gallop at Carisbrook, while the remainder set out for the Kaituna Courts, where tennis matches commenced at 9.30 a.m.

TENNIS.

"Our ranks are broke, and ruin follows us: what counsel give you?"

—Henry VI.

Both the Otago and Canterbury teams were considerably stronger this year than was the case in Auckland. Victoria College supporters, as they settled themselves comfortably in
the sun to watch the opening matches, were prepared to admit as much; in fact they were rather pleased that the improved form of the Southerners might provide some exciting contests. Finishes would be close, but as far as the ultimate return of the Cup to Wellington was concerned, their minds were calm and untroubled. This pleasant illusion was soon shattered by Jennings (C.C.) who put out Prouse in very short order—two sets straight. Meanwhile Beere won a single, and it was hoped that Prouse would find his form before the doubles came on. He didn’t. Bundle and Gower (O.U.) were the opposition and played a fine combined game, waiting patiently for the winning chance, and making no mistake when it came. Bundle was especially clean overhead and at the net. Beere and Prouse were excellent occasionally, but it was very occasionally. Their work was not up to their usual form in any respect, and our chances in the men’s doubles were extinguished 6—3, 3—6, 6—1. Wellington’s hopes now centered in the Ladies, and Miss Scott’s third win for the day was made the occasion of an encouraging haka. The same lady with Miss McIntosh was also still in the running for the Ladies’ Doubles, and it seemed that all might yet be well.

One of the first matches on Tuesday was Beere v. Bundle in the semi-final of the Men’s Singles. Beere’s game was much improved, but he was unable to hold Bundle, who ultimately lost the final to Jennings. In the final of the Ladies’ Singles Miss Scott met Miss Morrison (C.C.) who went right away at the start, and led 6—2 amid great Canterbury enthusiasm. This had just the necessary effect, for of the next eight games Miss Scott took seven, and remains lady champion of the University colleges for 1908. More enthusiasm—from Wellington.

In the Ladies’ Doubles final Misses Taylor and Utting (A.U.C.) succumbed to Miss McIntosh and Miss Scott. Later in the day Prouse and Miss Scott were beaten by Jennings and Miss Grace (C.C.) who played a fine game and ultimately won the combined event.

Canterbury also annexed the Men’s Doubles with Jennings and Bain, and won the cup with three championships out of five.
On this return to their old form Victoria College extends its heartiest congratulations.

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"The best laid schemes o' mice and men
Gang aft a gley."

—Burns.

ATHLETICS.

"Faith! I ran when I saw others run!"

—Henry IV.

Athletic championships were decided on Monday on the Carisbrook ground in fair, but extremely cold weather. The waterlogged condition of the track was quite against any aspirants for record honours, though some excellent performances were registered, and in one event the previous best performance was beaten. Goodbye here was again a great comfort in the hour of need. He and Duncan secured all three points in the 100 yards, sailing through the worsted with a clear advantage from Turner (C.C.) The 220 yards and Long Jump also fell to his prowess, but in the 440 yards McChesney ran him out down the straight and scored for Otago. Dunlop (A.U.C) turned out to defend his Mile Flat Championship, but was unable to cope with Dougall (C.C.) a very strong runner, who beat Rigg for the de la Mare Challenge Cup by about five yards. Twyneham, (C.C.) ran away with the mile walk, his time of 9 min. 29 secs. being the best to date. In the hurdle events A. H. and G. V. Bogle took their fences in better style than their opponents did and secured five of the available six points. The Three Mile flat was the race of the day, and will long be remembered with a thrill of pride by the wearers of the all-black flimsy. Smith
struck a merry pace from the pistol, and fairly broke the hearts of the big Canterbury men, who led out time and again in the vain hope of easing it. At the bell, Croker (O.U.) came away, and raced round the back stretch with Smith hanging grimly on his heels, fighting every foot: Rigg three yards behind. Entering the straight, Smith had shot his bolt and Otago were clearing their throats to cheer, when Rigg

"Saw in far-off Newtown the white porch of his home"
or something which bucked him up considerably, and coming on with great heart, broke the tape two feet to the good, amid wild enthusiasm. A fine finish by three as game men as ever laced a shoe! Oliphant (A.U.C.) won the High Jump and with it the Trevor Hull Memorial Shield. Goodbehere started the last lap of the relay race with an advantage of some 30 yards and accumulated a few more on the journey. Several Victoria College pairs were rumoured to be all out in the Needle Race, but unfortunately it did not materialise.

The Official Results are given on page 24

DEBATING CONTEST.

"Upon my knees, what doth thy speech import."

"You could 'ave 'eard a pin drop."

—Othello.

—Old Play.

Subject:—That the British Empire will decline unless a system of compulsory military service is adopted.

For the third time in succession Victoria College has won the Joint Debating Scroll, and for the third time her successful representatives have been men hitherto untried in these contests.

Professor Gilray occupied the chair and briefly outlined the programme to a large audience of students and the general public.

In the first debate of the evening the Auckland representatives were opposed to the elect of Canterbury.

M. H. Hampson (A.U.C.) who led the affirmative, suffered somewhat from nervousness, and as a result showed too great
evidence of a prepared speech. Despite this drawback, he performed well and was interesting throughout.

He was followed by A. H. Amers (C.C.) whose speech was of little value as a debating effort. He made practically no attempt to refute Hampson’s arguments, contenting himself with expounding his own side of the case.

W. E. Moore, A.U.C. followed and delivered an excellent speech. He replied in good style to the arguments advanced by Amers, and also found time to considerably improve his own position.

T. E. Currie, C.C. was the last speaker in this debate. His presence and delivery were fine, but his inclinations apparently lay in the direction of oratory rather than debating. Several amusing figures of speech appeared quite irrelevant, and his evident enthusiasm for the rifle in schools led him far astray.

T. M. Haslett, O.U led the affirmative in the second debate. He had good matter, but his delivery was so slow that the bell cut him short before he could well develop his arguments.

H. E. Evans, V.C. followed with a sound speech, his presentation of the negative side of the case being exceedingly clear and well arranged. His replies to Haslett’s arguments were not as effective as his prepared matter.

E. K. Lomas, O.U. spoke next and kept well to the point under discussion, though the effect of his speech was somewhat marred by monotonous delivery. To the main arguments advanced by Evans he made apt and ready reply.

John Mason, V.C. was the final speaker of the evening. His replies to Lomas were good; his exposition of the points left for him by Evans was better, while his telling peroration, preceded by some appropriate ironical touches, carried the whole audience with it.

Whilst the judges were considering their verdict, the audience took charge of affairs. College songs and catch calls resounded through the hall, while the Victoria College contingent overcame
their natural modesty sufficiently to render their haka on the platform. Hostilities ceased on the return of the judges.

The Reverend Hewitson announced their verdict, that the Joynt Debating Scroll had been won by Victoria College, to an accompaniment of vigorous applause.

**LADIES' HOCKEY MATCHES.**

"Here she comes—0 excellent motion."

—Two Gent. of Verona.

Our versatile representatives in Dunedin also included in their ranks a ladies’ team of hockey players, who tried their skill with teams from Otago and Canterbury.

The first match v Otago, took place at Anderson’s Bay on Monday morning before the sports. The opening stages were not particularly brilliant, due to lack of combination, and the exigencies of the ground, which was intersected by asphalt cricket pitches. In the forward ranks Misses Allen and Matheson O.U., and Misses Johnston and Tavendale, V.C. were always prominent. Miss Cox was a tower of strength to our back division. First spell ended 2 all.

With five minutes to go, honours were even, three goals all, but with a last despairing effort V.C. scored again and won the match 4—3.

Morning tea was to be served to all contestants: Rawdon Beere agreed to be referee.

The game with Canterbury College was played on the Carisbrook ground, late on Tuesday afternoon. The Canterbury team was shorthanded and our girls made no race of it, winning a one-sided game by 5 goals to 0.

**MEN'S HOCKEY MATCH.**

"What is to be done with these here hopeless chaps."

—H. M. S. Pinafore.

This encounter between Otago University and Victoria College, took place on the Carisbrook ground on Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of Mr. Barkas and some five ladies,
and resulted in a win for the home team by four goals to one Otago's scorers were Shaw, Cuttle, and Rutherford (2): for us Oram improved an opportunity. Ryburn's transfer has not affected his play, in fact for an opening match, the general accuracy and combination of the Southern men were remarkable. The only outstanding feature of our play as a team was a general weary feeling, but it was well developed.

Whilst this game was in progress the Otago University footballers tried conclusions with a team selected from the visitors, and were also victorious by 11 points to 3.

MOONLIGHT PICNIC.
N.B. There was a moon.

"I am glad I came this way so happily."
—Henry VIII.

At 7.14 p.m on Saturday evening numerous special cars ran out to Anderson's Bay terminus, where the company advanced, mostly by forces of two in close order, across a headland and down on to the Tomahawk Beach. A huge bonfire was there lighted, and the various colleges gathered in their stragglers at different points of the lighted circle, and prepared to exhibit their versatility. Choruses were roared whenever anyone felt musical (?) but hakas were the items most in demand. Each college in turn did its best to make the night hideous, and the performers had reached a moist state of exhaustion and homesickness when supper was announced. Strict attention to the matter in hand soon removed all traces of it, and the return pilgrimage commenced. One car waited 20 minutes for loiterers. It was very popular.

UNIVERSITY BALL.

"Tell me Andronicus, doth this motion please thee?"
—T. Andron.

"Be merry! for our time of stay is short,"
—Richard II.

This brilliant function was held in the Public Hall attached to the Art Gallery on Tuesday evening, and in many respects was the crowning glory of the gathering. The long cool gallery made a delightful retreat between and even during the dances,
and tremendous interest was taken in the pictures all the evening. Supper was a magnificent affair; our athletes were easily distinguishable by an energy born of weeks of careful abstinence. The desire of the ladies to pack and change for the home journey was responsible for "Auld Lang Syne" at 4 a.m.

RETURN JOURNEY.

"Let's away! The strangers all are gone."

—Romeo and Juliet.

Two hours sleep revived the company sufficiently to preserve a decent show of interest in the hearty farewell of our hosts; though several travellers peacefully resumed their interrupted dreams as soon as we cleared Dunedin. The train run was uneventful, saving an unfortunate incident at Oamaru where the appearance of "Eichy," masquerading as a lady, seriously frightened a small child on the platform. A farewell haka at Christchurch and straight on to Lyttleton and the Rotomahana. A mass concert occupied several hours on the boat; the presence of Dr. Simpson of last year's Otago team being very opportune. Our hearty welcome at the Wellington wharf was greatly appreciated by all the pilgrims.

As hosts, the friends and students of the Otago University were all that could be desired; and our genuine regret at the conclusion of the Tournament is only tempered by the reflection that next Easter we shall have an opportunity of repaying to some extent the many kindnesses received during our journeyings of the last three years.

THE MANAGER.

"A good fellow, even in his darkest longings."

This gentleman has now become such a general institution of the Tournament; that we fear his first absence from a gathering (may it be far distant) will be regretted by the other centres as a direct breach of faith on the part of Victoria College. On this occasion Dixon was Dixon—no more remains to be said.

"Drink to Dixon, with overflowing brim,
   The college owes a lot to him."

—Capping Song.
## OFFICIAL RESULTS

**Athletic Championships** (Easter Monday, April 20th).

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<td>100 Yds</td>
<td>F. W. B. Goodbehere, V.C.</td>
<td>A. T. Duncan, V.C.</td>
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<td>880</td>
<td>P. McGalum, C.C.</td>
<td>M. H. Oram, V.C.</td>
<td>2 min. 8 1-5 sec.</td>
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<td>120 &quot; Hurdles</td>
<td>A. H. Bogle, V.C.</td>
<td>G. V. Bogle, V.C.</td>
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<td>440</td>
<td>A. H. Bogle, V.C.</td>
<td>H. McChesney, O.U.</td>
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<td>3-mile Flat</td>
<td>T. Rigg, V.C.</td>
<td>C. H. Croker, O.U.</td>
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<td>Long Jump</td>
<td>F. W. B. Goodbehere, V.C.</td>
<td>R. Nuku, O.U.</td>
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<td>High Jump</td>
<td>W. Oliphant, A.U.C.</td>
<td>W. E. Moore, A.U.C.</td>
<td>5 ft. 2 in.</td>
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<td>Mile Walk</td>
<td>R. Tynanham, C.C.</td>
<td>E. J. Wilson, C.C.</td>
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<td>Putting 16lb. Weight</td>
<td>L. M. Tansley, O.U.</td>
<td>G. S. Collyns, C.C.</td>
<td>32 ft. 8 1-4 in.</td>
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<td>Throwing 16-lb. Hammer</td>
<td>H. Hamilton, O.U.</td>
<td>G. S. Collyns, C.C.</td>
<td>87 ft. 3 1-2 in.</td>
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The following is the order for the Championship Shield:

- **Victoria College** ... ... 17 points.
- **Otago University** ... ... 10 ,
- **Canterbury College** ... ... 9 ,
- **Auckland University College** ... ... 3 ,

* Standard fixed—not broken.
A DAY AT OXFORD.

A KNOCK on the door and a voice "Half past seven, sir." It is the scout on his morning round, and the undergraduate knows that another day has arrived. The scout enters, switches on the electric light, if it is winter, or pulls up the blind if there is daylight outside. He then fills the bath—a huge tin saucer—from a stoneware pitcher holding about two or three gallons of water. After enquiring what the drowsy undergraduate will take for breakfast he departs to go through the same process with the next man on his staircase.

There is no man more indispensable to Oxford life than the "scout." He has it in his power to make material comfort or discomfort for the undergraduates to whom he is appointed. He is sometimes an ex-butler or a gentleman's gentleman, sometimes he has been an officer's orderly, but more often he has learned his business as an apprentice or scout's boy. Under his care are the rooms of about a dozen undergraduates and it is his duty to see that everything goes as smoothly as possible in all things material. As a rule he does his work well, but some scouts are a perfect pest. They have a fine taste in spirituous liquors and sample everything that comes under their notice. Hence the necessity of lock and key for such commodities. A good scout is a treasure and experienced undergraduates make enquiries as to his habits before taking rooms.

At ten to eight the chapel bell begins to toll and the student wakes from a doze to a realisation that he must attend, if the term is to count. To keep terms in most Colleges means thirty attendances at chapel during the eight weeks. Unless these are recorded the term does not count at all and an important examination may have to be deferred for another year. So with praiseworthy expedition the undergraduate jumps from bed to bath, and thence into his clothes, races down the stairs and across the quadrangle to the chapel where he arrives just on the last stroke of eight. The doors are then shut and nobody else can get in at that service.

After chapel comes breakfast, usually a heavy meal, one of the functions of the day. Sometimes there are as many as four courses, especially if guests are present. It is at breakfasts
of this kind that the freshman usually makes his first acquaintances among his fellows. It is the custom for men of the second year to invite the newcomers to breakfast in the first term. It is only the hard exercise of rowing or football that enables a man to survive a course of such breakfasts without serious internal derangement.

After "brekker" (as the slang has it) there is usually an interval of an hour or so before lectures commence. In summer the quadrangles or the gardens are the favourite places for passing the time, but when the weather is bad the junior common room is the rendezvous of the disengaged student. To lectures, as to all official functions, he goes in cap and gown. Scholars wear a long flowing gown, commoners a sort of jacket with streamers from the shoulders. The more tattered the gown and battered the cap, the greater the glory thereof.

Lectures as a rule begin at ten o'clock and continue till one. Sometimes they are in College, sometimes they are out. Quill pens and paper are provided and there is a terrible scratching if the lecture is regarded as worth a note. In the first year invariably, and often throughout the whole of the four years of a University career, lectures are a very secondary consideration. A certain number of attendances is required by statute as a qualification for University examinations. At many lectures lady students from Lady Margaret's Hall and Somerville College are present, but they are always in the minority.

Lunch is usually a light meal at Oxford. Many men confine themselves to commons of bread and cheese and a mug of ale, for which some of the Colleges are justly famous. The afternoon is perfectly free for the undergraduate to spend as he likes. In most cases it is devoted to sport. The river is easily first in popular estimation. A rowing man ranks above a footballer or a cricketer. Its position on the river usually settles the status of a College whatever its record in football or cricket may be. Hence Colleges endeavour to attract men from rowing schools such as Eton and Radley. Rugby football is of more account than Association. None of the Colleges have playing fields in close proximity, so early after noon crowds of undergraduates in the garb of their respective games or sports pass up and down the streets to the playing fields or the river. After the games are over there is usually an hour or two left for study before dinner. This is usually the time when the undergraduate pays his official visit to his tutor.

The hour for dinner is seven o'clock and the place the College Hall, usually an ancient building with solid oaken tables
and benches, with a raised dais at the upper end where the fellows and the President dine. A Latin grace is read by one of the scholars of the College, who take this duty in rotation. All the undergraduates wear their gowns. The scholars sit at separate tables close to the walls, which are covered with pictures of benefactors and other famous men of the College history. Scouts wait at the tables and undergraduates are usually served in something like an order of seniority.

Each College has its peculiar table customs, but there is one that seems to be common to all. It is that of "sconcing." If an undergraduate make a pun, quotes from the Bible, or in any way infringes a certain strict unwritten law, he is "sconced" by the head of the table—that is to say he is bound to "shout," in Colonial parlance, the table a tankard of ale. This is brought by the scout in a huge old silver loving-cup with a lid. Some of these pieces of plate are more than two hundred years old. The cup, which holds two quarts, is passed round the table, each diner drinking. The person "sconced," however, has the first taste, and if he can, without taking a breath, quaff the whole two quarts of ale, he is entitled to "sconce" the rest of the table in a similar quantity. "Scouces" are frequent, but the feat of draining the tankard dry at a breath is rarely performed.

After dinner, adjournment is made to the junior common room, where there is a fine collection of the best periodical literature. Debates are held at regular intervals in the Michaelmas and Hilary terms, and many statesmen, now famous, made here their first public speeches. The Union is, of course, the great University institution, known as the nursery of orators. It was here that Gladstone gave earnest of his future pre-eminence.

But the best of Oxford life is to be found in the social intercourse seen at its perfection in the gatherings round the fireside in the cosily old rooms of an evening. Here over coffee and tobacco are made the friendships of a lifetime, and created memories that never die. The curriculum may be, and really is, antiquated and useless for all practical purposes. A man when he "goes down" for the last time is four years older than when he first "came up" as a "fresher;" in scientific equipment he often is not a whit the better for it, whether he be a Bachelor or a Master of Arts. But he has gained something. It may not be changeable in the market-place of the world for current coin; it may not even be apparent at all on the surface, but it is there all the same at heart. It is enshrined in golden memories of the happiest days of a lifetime.

Arthur Chorlton.
Our Illustrations.

In this issue we reproduce pictures of Professor D. K. Picken, M.A., recently appointed to the chair of mathematics in Victoria College, the delegates to the Easter Tournament Committee, the representatives of the College at the Tournament and the first eleven of the Cricket Club. There are also photographs of R. Twyngham, of Canterbury College, winner of the Mile Walk, a general group of University folk taken on the Kaituna Tennis Courts, and the Tennis Shield Team taken at Day's Bay.

Professor D. K. Picken was born in 1879, and educated in Glasgow at Allan Glen's school and the University of Glasgow. The position of First Prizeman in Lord Kelvin's class for Higher Applied Mathematics was one of the many distinctions won by him as an under-graduate. Graduating as M.A. with first-class Honours, in October 1899, Professor Picken was awarded the Metcalfe Fellowship, which enabled him to continue his mathematical studies at the University of Cambridge. There he was elected to a Foundation Scholarship of Jesus College in his first year, and he won the Ferguson Mathematical Scholarship (open to Honours Graduates of the four Scottish Universities) in 1900. In the Mathematical Tripos, Part 1, of 1902, he was Sixth Wrangler, but while preparing for part II, he was offered the post of Chief Assistant to the Professor of Mathematics at Glasgow University. A brilliant University career was terminated by his decision to accept the position.

While lecturing in Glasgow, Professor Picken was an Editor of the "Proceedings of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society" for two sessions, and he has lately been elected Vice-President of the same society; he is also a member of the London Mathematical Society. He has been a regular contributor to the Edinburgh Society's "Proceedings," and to "The Mathematical Gazette."
University Examination Results.

The following is a list of the year’s successes of Victoria College Students:—

HONOURS IN ARTS.

Barnett, G. R. First-class Mathematics
Bruce, I. D. Third-class English and German
Dale, M. F. Third-class English and French
Eichelbaum, S. Second-class English and German
Houtt, W. H. Second-class English and French
Jenness, D. First-class Latin and Greek
MacDougall, A. First-class English and French

MASTERS OF ARTS.

Bollinger, E. M. Livingstone, F. R.
and all those who gained Honours in Arts.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP.

Bartley, F. W. S. Mental Science

FIRST SECTION, B.A.

Bowler, F. C. Hill, R. B. Reeve, B. L.
Everett, G. G. Johnston, E. M. Rockel, C. C. H.
Garland, E. Kennedy, R. Scott, J.
Gibb, G. H. Mahony, E. M. Snell, J.
Gilbert, T. A. Neilson, I. Thomas, W. W.
Gilbertson, E. M. Pope. J. C. Wilson, F. A.
Henderson, G. M.
FINAL B.A.

Bartley, F. W. S.          Gibbs, M. E.          Nicholson, B. M.
Bedingfield, D. S.         Graham, C. T.         Oram, M. H.
Bogle, G. V.              Hewetson, K. M.       Ross, J. W.
Cooke, G. F.              Hildreth, E. M.        Smith, F. L.
Currie, A. E.             Hind, E. M.           Strack, C. T.
Dallaston, L. N.          Hutton, J.            Stuckey, F. G. A.
Davey, I.                 Lyon, W. A.           Tennent, I. F.
Fitt, A. B.               Morrison, E. S.        Woodham, A.
Foster, W. H. L.          Neilson, F.           

FIRST SECTION, B.Sc.

Atkinson, E. H.
Barkas, M. R.

FINAL B.Sc.

Inkster, Annie, M.A.

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY, (B.A. Standard).

Austin, W. S. in two subjects
Foss, R. J.    in two subjects
Hewlett, H. C. in two subjects
Bryce, M. J.     in English

FIRST EXAMINATION MUS. B.

Collie, E. N.

FIRST SECTION OF FIRST EXAMINATION, B. COM.

Reid, G. W.

COMPLETED FIRST EXAMINATION, B. COM.

Rose, G. G., B.A.
BARRISTERS' EXAMINATION.

Morling, J.
McCaul, G. W.

FIRST SECTION OF FIRST DIVISION, LL.B.

Acheson, F. O. V.  King, T.  Paterson, A.
Brodie, A. D.  Macalister, H. J.  Richmond, J. M.
Caddick, A. E.  Macalister, S. M.  Rutherford, E. E.
Hogben, J. McL.  McEldowney, W. J.  Short, J. L.
Hogg, H. R.  McIntosh, C.  Skinner, H. D.
Hunter, W. J.  Mousley, E. O.  Tait, J.
Kennedy, R.  O'Regan, P. J. B.  Tudhope, J. M.

SECOND SECTION OF FIRST DIVISION, LL.B.

Adams, R. T.  Holmden, T. N.
Cheek, M. C. H  Smith, D. S.

PART OF SECOND DIVISION, LL.B.

de la Mare, F. A.  Macalister, S.  Rayward, H. H.
Dobbie, A. E.  Mason, H. G. R.  Salek, A. M.
Evans, H. E.  Murphy, B. E.  Stitt, A. W.
Hoggard, D. R.  Newbury, W. H.  Tudhope, A.
Jourdain, W. R.  Prouse, O. R.

FINAL OF SECOND DIVISION, LL.B.

Arthur, C. A.  Kelly, F. P.  Tudhope, W

FINAL LL.B.

Armstrong, N. G.  O'Leary, H. F.  Rout, W. V.
Craig, G.  Perry, W.  Scantlebury, P. J.
"There are a sort of men whose visages
Do seem and mantle like a standing pond,
And do a willful stillness entertain,
With purpose to be dressed in an opinion
Of wisdom, gravity, profound conceit
As who should say 'I am Sir Oracle,
And when I open my lips, let no dog bark!'
O my Antonio, I do know of those
That therefore only are reputed wise
For saying nothing."

—Merchant of Venice. Act I.

The work of this Society continues to be attended with success, and the speaker of 1908 addresses greater audiences than those of previous years have been permitted to inspire, to instruct, or to amuse. Each debate has attracted sufficient speakers to fill the whole time allotted for discussion, and a great number of students have taken their first plunge into the sea of rhetoric which beats upon the walls of Victoria College.

The Committee desires to place on record in the SPIKE its keen appreciation of the fact that, to adopt the language of the Annual Report, though there was a time when the ladies took a very active part in the meetings of the Society, that time has not gone by. The part which the ladies have played in the activities of the Society this term has been a very distinguished one. We need add nothing to what is constantly said concerning the uses of the Society to lady students, namely, that in the literary, if not in the political debates, there is a place in the discussion which can be satisfactorily filled by them only. It was into the domains of literature that woman first effected an entrance; let it not be said that in Victoria College the rhetorical art, so closely allied to the literary, is to remain for them a terra incognita.

With the object of providing facilities for the practice of debating amongst the lady students, a proposal has been set on foot for the formation of a branch society, whose meetings they alone will be allowed to attend. A committee has been set up
and a constitution agreed on, and before these lines are in print the first meeting will doubtless have been held. We wish the ladies every success in their new venture.

In another part of this issue the University Tournament Debate is recorded, the result being that for the third year in succession the Joynt Challenge Scroll remains within our College. Let it be the aim of every member,—for it is upon every member that the standard reached by the Society as a whole depends,—do his or her part to see that the Scroll never leaves our College, except on occasional Easter holiday visits to Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

At the end of April there was, it appears, a mild stir in some quarters of the College by reason of the exhibition of a notice calling upon students to do their part, by way of careful preparation to contribute to the success of the Society’s meetings. Some students seemed to regard the notice as arrogant in its terms, and, in deference to their attitude, we desire here to say that the Committee acted with a due sense of responsibility and in the proper course of its duty to further the interests of the Society. The notice was never intended to deter anyone from addressing the Society, but if it has unfortunately had that effect upon some, let us refer them, by way of counter-deterrent, to the advice quoted above from the works of one William Shakespeare.

At the first meeting of the Society, the motion was “That England was justified in undertaking the Transvaal War.” The movers were H. E. Evans and E. E. Rutherford, and the opposers C. H. Taylor and A. MacDougall. The movers outlined the history of the settlements in South Africa, and sought to draw from the relation between Boer and Briton, and from the importance of the questions in issue, justification for the conquest and absorption of the two Republics. But the audience was not in a charitable mood, and was induced by the arguments of the opposition to look with suspicion upon the assurances of the movers. Taylor, in particular, made a very great impression, and the place awarded him in the competition was well deserved. Jamieson’s speech would doubtless have been better appreciated if our intellectual faculties were far more rapid in their operation—or his delivery very much slower. When he has learned to curb his flow of language he may very well attain a high place in the Society’s competitions. Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, who judged, placed the first five speakers as follows:—C. H. Taylor, J. Mason, D. S. Smith, R. Kennedy, and F. Boyce.

In the second debate, held on April 25th, A. C. Bretherton, supported by K. McGrath, moved “That naval supremacy is the
only effective defence of the Empire." The opposers were J. M. Hogben and M. H. Oram. No less than six new speakers were in evidence at this debate, one of them being placed. The motion was badly mutilated, particularly at the hands of its own supporters, and there was on the whole an evident lack of knowledge of the subject, and a display of much knowledge of other subjects. R. Mason appeared in a new aspect and adopted an unusually "supercilious" style. Mr. von Haast placed the the first five speakers as follows:—E. Armit, R. Mason, J. M. Hogben, L Short, and M. H. Oram. His remarks upon the debate are recorded in the minute book kept by the Secretary, who will be happy to allow perusal by any member of the Society without fee or reward. The motion was lost by 10 votes to 24.

At the third meeting, held on May 9th, V. B. Willis, supported by T. Boyce, moved "That a system of profit-sharing is a satisfactory solution of the labour problem." R. Mason, seconded by Miss W. Mellsop, opposed. There were, in all, five new speakers on this occasion, one of them (J. D. Smith) gaining second place, and another (Miss W. Mellsop) not competing, a fact which must have contented members who are seeking to accumulate points for the Society's prizes. The Society had a very instructive lesson on political economy according to V. B. Willis, R. Mason, and J. S. Mill. The motion was lost by 10 votes to 19. Mr. T. R. Fleming, who judged the debate, placed the first five speakers as follows:—J. Mason, J. D. Smith, C. H. Taylor, T. Boyce, and V. B. Willis:

On Saturday, May 30th, there was a triangular debate on the question "Which most deserves the esteem of mankind, the poet, the statesman, or the warrior?" The poets were represented by S. Eichelbaum and C. H. Taylor, the statesmen by E. Armit and H. E. Evans, and the warriors by G. H. Gibb and R. Kennedy. It was a good debate,—the best we have had this year, and some of the speeches possessed distinct literary merit. The ladies are to be congratulated once more upon their part in the discussion, Miss Mason securing third place for her maiden speech. Unfortunately the warriors found no support beyond the mover and seconder, while the six speakers who followed the seconders were equally divided between poets and statesmen. The voting was in favour of the statesman as against the poets and warriors by 23 votes to 9 and 8 respectively. Mr A. R. Atkinson placed the first five speakers in the following order:—E. Armit, J. Mason, Miss H. R. Mason, C. H. Taylor and J. M. Hogben.
"Wery, sir," replied Mr. Weller, "if ever I wanted anythin' o' my father, I always asked for it in a very respectful and obli gin' manner. If he didn't give it me, I took it, for fear I should be led to do anythin' wrong by not havin' it. I saved him a world o' trouble in this way, sir."

— Pickwick Papers.

The Hockey Club authorities having been unusually dilatory in forwarding for publication reports and particulars of their Club's doings this season, The Spike's untruthful reporter has been commissioned to enquire into the Club's affairs and to bring down a report. His findings are as follows:

The First Eleven are certain to win the Senior Cup, for the Club Captain has said so—and he is an honourable man. The team has attained perfection in the matter of combination, the passing of the forwards being a sight that the gods may sigh for (so says our reporter). He also states that the team will have absolutely no difficulty in overcoming any combination of forces opposed to it; that no team playing against it can expect to be defeated by less than ten goals; and in short, that the Hockey Association would be justified in declaring the result of the Senior Competition forthwith.

The Second Eleven, he finds, are achieving feats no less praiseworthy than those accomplished by the Seniors. They too are destined to win the competition for which they have entered; their form, their combination, the shooting and passing of the forwards, the stopping, the hitting and the passing of the backs, together with their many other good points, all prophesy the near approach of the millennium. S. Eichelbaum is captain of the Juniors.

Our reporter regrets to have to state that the III A. team, successors to last year's Third Class Champions, are on the down grade. They are in a languishing condition; they are pining for the glories of the past and are fraught with despair at the prospects for the future. Rex Mason has retired from the playing arena, though our reporter (evidently in a biassed
mood) does not attribute the team’s retrogression to any great extent to this fact. We can only hope that the team will take courage and make a noble attempt to win a match now and then.

The III B. team are amply fulfilling expectations. They have not forgotten their record for the 1907 season, and the confidence in their powers which has been displayed by their numerous followers is in no way misplaced—to the present they have not won a single match.

Stop Press News.

The following belated results from official sources may be of interest. We trust that in future the powers that be in the Hockey Club will descend from their lofty height of disdain with at least sufficient punctuality to allow a more detailed criticism of their performances to be published.

RESULTS.

Séniors.

Captain - R. ST. J. BERE.

Vice-Captain - A. MACDOUGALL.

V.C. v Thorndon. Won, 6—1. An easy win. D. S. Smith scored three goals, broke his nose and retired, Beere also scored three goals.

V.C. v Vivian. Drawn, 5—5. College played well in first spell. Vivians ditto in second. Scorers: Castles (2), Beere (2), and Monaghan.

V.C. v United. Lost, 5—3. Beere (2), and Strack scored. B. C. Smith played an excellent game at full back. “Dominion” reporter evidently well subsidised by Beere.


JUNIORS.

Captain - S. EICHELBAUM.

Vice-Captain - V. B. WILLIS.

V.C. v Wellington. Won, 5—3. Even game. Forwards playing well were ably supported by backs. Scorers: Oram (2), Willis (2), and Strack,
V.C. v Wesley. Won, 5–1. Only thing driving at all well was rain. Ball difficult to see, more difficult to hit. One man short. Broad (2), Oram (2), and Willis proved the most amphibious of our forwards.

V.C. v United. Won, 4–0. College played excellently. Great combination amongst forwards, powerful hitting by backs. Tudhope saved well in goal, Coombes, Broad and Willis put in much good work, while Oram (3), and Paterson (1), were particularly correct.

V.C. v Vivian. Drawn, 4–4. Less said the better. Oram (2), Broad and Willis scored.

III A.

Captain - J. D. Smith.


V.C. v Wesley. Won, 9–1. Forwards all scored; backs weak. Weather abominable.

V.C. v St. Pat's Old Boys. Drawn, 2 all. Smith scored twice in first spell; opponents equalised in second. Our men very mediocre.

III B.

Captain - Arthur Fair.

V.C. v United. Lost, 2–4. None of the painful details available.

V.C. v Karori. Lost, 7–0. Four of the team spent afternoon looking for Karori in Willis Street. Remainder got wet to the skin.

V.C. v St. Pat's Old Boys. Lost, 2–1.

[We have it on the word of the Captain that "a considerable number of the team show great promise,"—but III B have always shown great promise.]
"Another race hath been and other palms are won."

—Wordsworth.

HE Tennis season with all its hopes and aspirations, its "chances bungled and battles won," has run its course and faded into lasting memory. It has been eventful and there has been the rough with the smooth. The season, which promised much, has seen the passing of our coveted possession the Tennis Cup to our old rival, Canterbury College, and has revealed the certainty that the day of our high order in local contests is not as yet with us. On the other hand there is much for gratulation. The membership, eighty-seven, constitutes a record, and throughout the season, six teams embracing practically the whole of the members, have represented the Club in the various competitions. The Club possesses the material and it is fair to assume, that at no distant time Victoria College will be a power to be reckoned with in the Wellington Tennis World. As for the recovery of the Tournament Tennis Cup the Club may be confidently expected to consider it a matter of primary importance. We extend congratulations to Misses J. Scott and K. McIntosh, who hold the Ladies' Singles and Doubles Championships of the N.Z. University on our behalf.

Early in the season a demolishing phalanx of pick and shovel students commenced operations on the site of the fourth Tennis Court. In shady shelter near at hand a faithful band of ladies with afternoon tea tended the parched throats and aching voids of the said demolishing force and the work proceeded apace. The rock was tough, but the pickmen were tougher, and soon cartloads of detached mountain side were being hurried to
a more useful purpose. Many non-tennis players lent their muscles and a few Saturdays of vigorous work left a nasty scar on the hillside. Cricket and tennis matches however soon began to absorb the workmen and in the end an indefatigable band of eight or so were left to tussle with the towering hill. Vagrant players and unemployed tennis teams occasionally supplemented them, but in the main they had a lonely row to hoe and persevered under adverse and disheartening circumstances. About half the work is done and for this result the Club is deeply grateful to the faithful few—E. Wright, H. Barnard, W. B. Quick, H. D. Skinner, A. Brodie, Hoggard, Sturtevant and McDowall, who have devoted nearly every Saturday afternoon to toil on the "old clay patch."

The finances of the Club are in a healthy condition. At the beginning of the season £26 was received from the Building Fund and about half this amount was expended on tools and the hire of drays. The Clubs are indebted to Munt, Cottrell and Co., who gave the hire of the drays at a price that only paid the drivers. Before encroaching on its own funds the Club has still £12 to expend.

Mr Brook has, as usual given cheerful assistance in preparing afternoon tea and the Club owes him a debt of gratitude.

On Anniversary Day a College team journeyed to Otaki and defeated the local players by 9 sets to 4. The weather conditions were ideal and a good time was spent. A Junior College team on invitation, played the Pahautanui Club, at the township. The honors rested with Pahautanui who defeated our team without difficulty.

Details of various matches as follows:—

Ladies’ Championship Singles. Not yet played off, may possibly eventuate before the Spring.

Men’s Championship Singles  ...  G. S. Prouse.
Ladies’ Handicap Doubles  ...  Misses Van Staveren and Martin.
Men’s Handicap Doubles  ...  G. G. Smith and D. Isaacs.

**ANALYSIS OF MATCHES.**

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"Enough to beat the honest men."

—Macbeth.

In this important department of College life, affairs are progressing in a manner that excites the admiration of all beholders. Not only have numerous recruits joined the ranks this year, but the play of a large proportion of them stamps them as long past the "raw beginner" stage, whilst their keenness is of a nature to delight the anxious hearts of the selection committees, and would almost make amends for less capability. As a result, the Club has now four teams upholding its reputation for clean going and a hard game every Saturday, and their general success so far argues well for our final chances of championship honours.

Enthusiasm for a common cause, with the sympathy born of constant association on the field of battle, does much to engender the spirit of camaradie which is one of the finest features of our College life, and in this respect the Ladies' Hockey Club has nothing to learn from its fellow institutions. Incidentally the Club possesses a Secretary who, for the first time in the history of the College, has been guilty of handing in on a Monday the correct results of all matches played on the preceding Saturday. Certainly the results were good, but that is scanty justification for such an unprecedented breach of the sacred traditions of Club secretarship in the College.

Beere, Bogle, Paterson, Willis, and others have been seen blowing the whistle for practice matches on odd occasions. Hockey is a good game, and a fascinating withal.
FIRST XI MATCHES.

(Captain: Miss L. McIntosh).

V. C. v Hereawa. Won 9—0. Misses K. McIntosh (5), Casey (2), Tavendale (1), and McKenzie (1) shared the honours. Fast play by the green forwards kept the Hereawas continually on the defensive. Our backs were seldom called upon. We all enjoyed ourselves extremely. New green blouses much admired.

V. C. v Kiwis. Won 3—0. At last the pride of the victorious Kiwis has been humbled in the dust. V. C. won the toss and took advantage of a gentle zephyr that was shifting sand and fences in every direction. Forward combination in the first spell was none too good: hard and wild hitting with consequent loss of control of the ball were much in evidence. Good work on the right wing carried the ball into the circle where the Kiwi keeper lent some colour to the theory that in moments of extreme excitement ancient habits reassert themselves by adopting a method of defence that can only be described as "hatching." Miss McIntosh recovered the ball at last and shot our first goal. Shortly afterwards Miss Johnston got another in from the right wing. At half time score was 2—0 in favour of Victoria College. On resuming play Kiwi set up a strong attack, but from the resulting "corner" the "greens" cleared down the left side line. College supporters had several anxious moments, on one occasion Miss Holmes had a fair chance right in the goal mouth and missed her stroke, on another Miss Gear's shot struck the goal post. At length Miss Tavendale got in some "slim" offside work. The referee let her go with dire results. The ball rebounded from the goalkeeper, but Miss Johnston swooped down upon it and placed it safely in the net. The work of our back division was excellent throughout: Miss Reeve showed excellent form both in attack and defence. The forwards made their best attacks from the left wing, though Miss Johnston on the right played a very sound game.

V. C. v Wellington. Won 7—0. Goals by Misses Tavendale (2), K. McIntosh (2), Casey (2), and Bisset (1). Miss Bisset fully justified her promotion. The most noticeable fault in the team's play was a tendency to get out of place among the forwards. They also beat one another for the ball continually, instead of getting into a good position ready to take advantage of the pass when it came.

II A. MATCHES.

(Captain: Miss K. Jamieson).

V. C. v Old Girls. Won 9—1. Misses Jackson (6), and Bisset (3), were quite at home in the scoring circle. Misses Elliott and Hewetson also worked hard to avert defeat.

V. C. v St. John's R. Won 4—1. Misses Elliott (2), and Bisset scored. The fourth was the result of a scrum round the enemy's posts, and we think it wise not to attempt to place the responsibility. Peace at any price is our motto,
V. C. v St. John’s B. Won 9—0. Goals by Misses McKenzie (1), Gibbs (1), Lear (1), and Jackson (6). Miss Jackson is evidently very keen on “scalps” and seems likely to shine in a higher place ere long.

II. B. Matches.

(Captain: Miss G. Saxon).

V. C. v Kiwi. Drawn game. 2 goals all. Ours by Misses Magill and Saxon. The ground (under control of the V. C. Men’s Club) was “perfectly disgraceful” and a deep sense of shame at our connection with it damped our fighting spirit.

V. C. v Hereawa. Drawn game. 3 goals all. Misses Saxon (2) and Renner scored for College. We were short-handed. One College girl ran down a luckless Hereawa, who is reported to have seen several constellations hitherto unknown to these parts.

V. C. v Gregg’s. Lost 4—0. Comment unnecessary. We grieve to think that a College man gave our opponents their first lecture on the gentle art. Miss Mellsop sprained her ankle on the afore mentioned V. C. men’s ground.

Third XI Matches.

Captain: Miss E. M. Hildreth.

V. C. v Terrace A. Lost 4—0. The ingenious explanation is that “everyone played in every place except her own.” We evidently aspired to win on “tactics,” while the enemy placed more reliance in the old method.

V. C. v Endeavourers. Endeavourers won by 10 goals to nil. College four “men” short. [This looks “Dickey” Ed. Spike.]

V. C. v St. John’s. Won 5—0. Victory, glorious victory! General excitement so intense that we cannot find out who immortalised themselves.
The following incident is reported by a prominent and reliable full-back in Wellington.

*Full-back* (to weary forward who has rushed him and arrived just after he has safely despatched the ball)—"Why don't you get back, and help your backs?"

*Weary Forward* (with energy)—"Blow the backs!"

*Full-back*—"But you can't expect them to do anything without backing-up!"

*Weary Forward* (sadly)—"I don't expect them to do anything! Let 'em go, they'll get out of it somehow!" Whistle goes for a try, and he strolls back and sits down against a goal post while the kick is taken.

The reliable full-back also said that the colour of the weary one's jersey was **GREEN!!!** Obviously some member of another team has been masquerading in our colours. The Committee should investigate.

"I never did see such pitiful rascals.

—*2 Henry IV*.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Monday, 16th March, 1908, Professor Hunter in the chair. A report on the proposed visit of the N.Z. University team to Sydney was read and discussed, and it was decided to appoint two delegates to meet representatives from the other Colleges in Dunedin at Easter and make final arrangements for the trip.

There was a time this season, certainly *before* we took the field in earnest, when it seemed that our day had at last arrived, and that the bitterness of defeat might be more evenly shared with those who had rioted over us in days gone by. Several new forwards of real bone and muscle were to invigorate the scrum, the best of last year's backs were again available, with new men of proved ability to fill the gaps, and to make
assurance doubly sure, the old warhorse de la Mare decided to once more tempt Providence in a green jersey. The gymnasium of the Training College was engaged and was the scene of much misdirected energy. All this by way of an auspicious start. Since then troubles have come upon us thick and fast; at one time accidents alone threatened to exhaust our playing strength by a process of gradual elimination.

However we have no great reason for complaint. There are still four teams in the field, and by this time we are surely able to take a licking and come up again smiling for the next. At the worst, championship honours are deferred for another year. The following little list (authenticated) of accidents and injuries may interest our critics: three fingers, five knees, four eyes, two noses, one collar bone, two shoulders, one ankle, one backbone, one head, and a strained heart. It has been suggested that The Spike should inaugurate a guessing competition as to the probable last surviving member of the First XV, but after due consideration we are reluctantly compelled to abandon the idea.

The Junior ranks have been strengthened by the inclusion of several men who played senior last year, and although there is no remarkable increase in the number of their wins, they are nevertheless a promising combination, and can give most of their opponents a sufficiently keen tussle. In our usual spirit of undismayed optimism we expect to see them do better as the season advances.

The Third XV, usually our most successful team, has not done so well as at the beginning of last season, though all their games have been close. They are generally opposed to teams of about their own weight and strength, and with the excellent material they have this year, should make a great effort to get in some training and score a few wins.

This year the Fourth XV was entered in the fourth grade instead of as IIIB, and are doing well. They have a set of tall and heavy forwards who should carry all before them, and several of the backs are individually good, but of general combination there are few signs. The scrum does not push anything like its full weight, and a few passing runs would materially improve the back work.

Hitchings was picked to represent Wellington against Wanganui on June 3rd.
FIRST XV MATCHES.

Captain .. ... G. V. Bogle.

V.C v Old Boys. Lost, 9—5. Goodbehore scored, cutting in nicely after a smart dash. Hitchings converted, and struck the bar with a second shot. de la Mare and Curtayne were prominent forwards, backs were strange to each other and ragged. A. H. Bogle "bumped" to the tune of a broken collar-bone.

V.C. v Athletics. Lost 30—0. Several men unfit. A fast, heavy pack wrought great havoc in our weakened ranks. Wilson and de la Mare led occasional dashes—backs had no chances. O'Leary at full showed remarkable versatility and would have comfortably warm had the weather been Arctic. Fell retired with a broken nose, Tudhope with a strained shoulder.

V.C. v Petone. Lost, 13—0. This was a much better display all round. The forwards performed excellently against heavy odds, and the backs were repeatedly successful in smothering the passing rushes of their opponents. Fine run by Hitchings looked promising, but a bad pass spoilt the chance.

V.C. v Southern. Lost, 12—6. We successfully asserted our claim to the "wooden spoon" after a great struggle. Tries by Robertson and Wilson. Boyce injured, replaced by Morrison of Wanganui College whose permanent assistance would be welcome. Howling gale and absence of G. V. Bogle did not materially assist us, but the result might easily have been different had backs played the game with the wind—punt infield and get down under it—instead of playing the line every time.

V.C. v Oriental. Lost, 3—11. Scored all until well into the second spell. Goodbehore was injured and Oriental profited by slight confusion of places consequent on his retirement. Our game was much improved all round, the forwards doing especially well.

SECOND XV MATCHES.

Captain .. ... G. W. Reid.

V.C v Old Boys. Lost, 14—0. A fast open game in which we should have done better. Backs invariably went for a neck-hold, a most effective method when scientifically executed—they seemed slightly out of practice, but persevered with grim intensity. Occasional mistakes could only be expected, likewise above result.

V.C. v Southern. Won, 8—0. Tries by A. E. Dobbie and Russell—one converted by Randrup with an an excellent kick. Forwards in great nick, backs improving but still loath to go below the belt.

V.C. v St. James. Lost, 6—3. Hard and exciting game, narrowly missed a win. Forwards again very fit, and backs got in some fine work, though good chances went begging. Boyce scored an excellent try—wind unkindly upset Randrup's kick.

V.C. v Athletic. Lost, 26—0. We have heard less of this game. Score 3—0 first spell. Rumours of absentee and injuries, and unsupported vapourings of a spectator about physical inability to move in second spell.
V.C. v Oriental. Lost, 5—19. Try by Anderson, converted by East. Not a brilliant game. Occasional flashes of fine play show that the material is there. Russell was excellent throughout, and was one of the very few who did not make some unpardonable blunder. Two men, whom we will call "Hatless Jim" and "Ginger," for purposes of disguise, got within striking distance of Oriental’s first scorer, but contented themselves with an encouraging pat on his shoulder as he passed. For the second score “Oriental ball” found the greens bunched on the line-out, and a long throw-in took the ball across to the wing, who raced over despite two more furious dashes at his neck. So it went on. The number of men who kicked off at odd times recalled the happy days of childhood, when each one had to have his kick or he wouldn’t play. Two of the free kicks were something out of the ordinary. One went backwards about twenty yards and found the line as neat as could be. The other was strategy pure and undefiled, and occurred near the line in the enemy’s 25. All available men were stationed under the goal (with great ostentation to deceive the enemy). The ball was then dropped carefully over the line at right angles to their direction, where five or six Orientals touched down and spoiled developments.

THIRD XV MATCHES.

Captain ... E. Lyon

V.C. v Karori. Won 9—0. Forwards played hard and solid, well supported by backs. Inder electrified the natives twice, and Palmer also won through after a neat dash. Waldegrave and Richmond played well.

V.C. v Stars. Lost, 9—0. Combination nil. Opposing forwards superior in tight work. O’Reilly’s consistent following up deserved more support.

V.C. v Selwyn. Lost, 9—5. Hard game against a slightly better team. We settled down to steady play rather too late. Score by Gibbons from a nice opening by O’Reilly. Inder converted.

V.C. v Wellington. Lost, 5—0. Wretched display, our game all round much below form. Davie injured. Rutherford and Gibbons strove hard to avert defeat and Jackson, a recruit from IV, filled his position well.

V.C. v Epuni. Lost, 17—0. No definite information except “They had a great bullock who butted through us a dozen a a time.” Tea and cakes were off, another sad disappointment.

FOURTH XV MATCHES.

Captain ... H.E. Nicholls.

V.C. v St. James. Lost, 18—10. Scrambling game. Forwards led by Cooke and Clemanse performed fairly, but the backs were each man for himself right through.

V.C. v Wellington. Won, 8—0. Much improvement, Skinner decided acquisition; great gallop earned him a pretty try, and a second by Nicholls was converted by Dowling.
V.C. v Epuni. Won, 26—0. Epuni two men short. Tries were not scored by seven of us. One try converted, which so disheartened four more Epunis that they left the field. Our blood was right up, and we gave the remaining nine a rough spin.

V.C. v St. Johns. Won, 11—0. Bridgeman scored from a forward rush, also Williams with a fine run clean through his opponents. In second spell Spratt got over. Wing three-quarters were not trusted with the ball at all. Robertson good at full-back.

V.C. v Selwyn. Lost 3—8. Our try by Skinner. O’Meara is reported to have very decided opinions of the man who prevented a brilliant score by hooking him backwards when he was just about to fall on the ball.

Matches with Sydney University.

Following on the preliminary meeting held in Auckland at Easter, 1907, when delegates from the Football Clubs of the University Colleges decided that it was desirable to inaugurate home and home matches with Sydney, considerable investigation of the more serious obstacles to the success of the scheme has taken place with the result that when a definite invitation was received from the Sydney U.F.C. to visit New South Wales in July 1908, it was at once accepted, and arrangements have now been made to send a team which will for the first time represent the University of New Zealand.

The chief difficulties to overcome have been those of finance and selection. The cost of the trip will be about £250. On this occasion the burden will not fall on New Zealand as the expenses of travelling and entertainment are to be borne by the home team, while individual members will meet their own hotel and personal expenses. At the same time, Sydney could not be allowed to incur such expense this year unless we were prepared to undertake a similar liability in 1909, when they visit New Zealand.

Messers. T. A. Hunter, of Wellington, F. T. Evans, of Christchurch, and Dr. Hunter, of Dunedin, have agreed to act as selectors of the team, and to aid them in their work, certain trial matches are to be played. On June 24th Canterbury College will meet Otago University in Christchurch, and after the match a team will be selected to represent the South Island. A meeting between Auckland and Wellington on the same day was considered impracticable, and it has been arranged that the Aucklanders shall nominate their best men, and that those necessary to complete a North Island team shall be supplied by
Wellington. The inter-Island match is to be played in Wellington on June 26th, and a selected team of 20 men will leave for Sydney on the evening of that day. The first match with Sydney U.F.C. will take place on July 4th. The playing uniform of the New Zealand team, in the absence of any distinct University colour, will be a black jersey with the University seal as a badge.

FIRST XV MATCH.

Saturday, June 6th, 1908.

V.C. v Wellington. WON, 11—6. In case anyone considers the capital letters unduly assertive, we may say that we have no false modesty—not that the team, that is, is now some two years since a similar accident occurred, and that this was a glorious victory anyhow. The improved form shown against Orientals seemed to indicate trouble for someone ere long, and unfortunately for Wellington the official fixtures list delivered them into our hands. They had the advantage of weight and played hard, especially towards the finish, but skill and science allied to perseverance must be rewarded in the long run, and all their efforts were powerless to upset the will of Allah. Allah is just—so say we all. The game was fast and open, and by far the most exciting contest seen on Miramar this season. Even Professor Hunter admits that, and as he was continually encroaching on the field of play, he ought to know. The first two tries, scored by Prendeville and Goodbehere (Fathers converted one with a excellent kick), were the outcome of pretty passing rushes, and the third was due to Goodbehere’s Heaven-sent turn of speed. Backs and forwards alike covered themselves with glory, and have every reason to feel proud of their achievement.
ATHLETIC CLUB'S SPORTS.

"To secure the worthy and adequate representation of Victoria College at the Annual Easter Tournament."

WITH this chief end in view the Athletic Club embarked on its career, and in this, the fourth year of its existence, it has so far attained that object that Victoria College is in possession for the first time of the University Athletic Championship Shield. The advent of the Shield has set the Club's house "in order."

May it remain so!

This year the Club received record entries for its sports, and in high hope set about its duty of "trying out" Tournament aspirants and unearthing latent talent. Actuated by a rigorous spirit of amateurism it arranged that the cost of the Basin Reserve should be nothing, admission free, entry fee nothing, there were to be no prizes, and to be in keeping with the prevailing "status" of things there were no programmes. The weather was fine, though a northerly made merry play in the arena, and the "games" were watched with attentive interest by a small but fashionable crowd. During the progress of the Mile Walk the inevitable host of small boys showed themselves—ostensibly for the purpose of shouting encouragement to their favourite "ginger."

Features of a successful meeting were Duncan's finish in the 100 yards, Goodbehere's form in the 220 yards, Anderson's fine Hammer Throwing, and the stamina displayed by Smith in the distance races. The championship of the Club was won by F. W. B. Goodbehere with 57 points, G. V. Bogle being second with 22 points. The Oram Challenge Cup (for handicap events) was won by G. P. Anderson with 9 points, A. H. Bogle runner-up with 8½ points.

The following were the results:—

100 YARDS HANDICAP.

FIRST HEAT.
A. T. Duncan, 3yds. 1. F. W. B. Goodbehere, scr. 2. Time 10 4-5 secs.

SECOND HEAT.
A. E. Dobbie, 7yds. 1. J. M. Henderson, 5yds. 2 Time 11 2-5 secs.
FINAL.
The winner ran a fine race finishing strongly against the wind.

880 YARDS HANDICAP.
J. D. Smith, 80yds. 1. M. H. Oram, scr. 2. F. A. Wilson, scr. 3.
Time, 2 min. 7 3-5 sec.
The back markers never got within striking distance of Smith, who led all the way winning by 15 yards.

THROWING THE HAMMER.
G. P. Anderson, ser. 1. G. V. Bogle, 30ft. 2. Distance, 104 ft.
No other throwers.
Anderson—"a well built young fellow"—showed splendid form, his throw being better than the University Tournament record.

MILE WALK HANDICAP.
J. M. Hogben, ser. 1.
Also covered the distance—D. S. Smith, 60yds.; A. MacDougall, 120yds.; and P. Stocker, 250yds.
This was—as usual—the pièce de résistance of the afternoon. The competitors finished in the following order: Smith, MacDougall, Stocker, with Hogben last, but the judge disqualified Smith and MacDougall for failing to lock, and Stocker for lifting. Stocker's Chinese method of progression received the spectator's approval, while MacDougall, upon whom Mason's mantle had fallen, finished with the requisite smile. Hogben walked well.

HIGH JUMP HANDICAP.
Height 5ft. 2¼in. No kangaroos competed.

220 YARDS HANDICAP.
F. W. B. Goodbehere, ser. 1. A. T. Duncan, 7yds. 2. S. Eichelbaum, 32yds. 3.
Time 24 sec.
Won easily in fast time considering wind and heavy course.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.
G. P. Anderson, 2ft. 1. F. A. Wilson, 4ft. 2. G. V. Bogle 3ft. 3.
Distance 33ft. 7in.
American University standard (over 40 ft.) not threatened.
120 YARDS HANDICAP.
A. H. Bogle, 1. G. V. Bogle, 2. F. A. de la Mare, 3. All scratch.
Time 18 1-5 secs.
Run with the wind. This trio frightened away all opposition. An easy win.

ONE MILE HANDICAP.
D. S. Smith, 150 yds. 1. T. Rigg, scr. 2. F. A. de la Mare, scr. 3.
Time 4 min. 40 3-5 3 sec. Rigg's time. 4 min. 53 2-5 sec.
Smith was too leniently handicapped. A great race for second place
saw de la Mare conquered and both very much exhausted.

440 YARDS HANDICAP.
S. Eichelbaum, 56. yds. 1. A. Salek, 32yds. 2. F. A. Wilson, 26yds. 3.
Time 50 4-5sec.
Eichelbaum, whose action is reminescent of Duffey's, took no risks and
won by 10 yards.

3 MILE HANDICAP.
D. S. Smith, 320. 1. L. L. Short, 60yds. 2. Time, 16min, 5sec.
Won by over 250 yards. Short, who has a fine free style, was outstayed
by Smith.

THREE-LEGGED RACE.
Time, under 10 secs.
Fraternal combination too good. Evidences of careful preparation.

LONG JUMP HANDICAP.
A. H. Bogle, 2ft. 1. F. W. B. Goodbehere, scr. 2. G. V. Bogle, scr. 3.
Distance, 20ft. 6in.

440 YARDS HURDLES HANDICAP.
Time, 65 3-5 secs.

THREAD THE NEEDLE RACE.
Miss Redwood and F. P. Kelly, 1. Miss Reeve and N. Mansfield, 2.
Time, even. Only one skirt damaged.

RELAY RACE.
Tennis Club's team, 1. Football Club, 2. Hockey Club, 3.
The winning team included de la Mare, Wilson, Anderson and Duncan.
The footballers "kicked off" well, but the Tennis players "drove" better
throughout, winning with something to spare.
THE annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the College on Thursday, 2nd April, 1908. The troubles and anxieties of last year's work had so preyed on the mind of the energetic Secretary that his resignation seemed imminent, and disaster was only averted by an amendment of the constitution to cover the appointment of a librarian. A strong section of the meeting was desirous of practising on Saturday evenings. This meant certain conflict with the Christian Union over the piano, and the idea was ultimately abandoned in deference to the firm stand taken by that body.

Though there has been no overwhelming appearance of individual talent to replace the stars of last year, the general popularity of the Club has greatly increased. Trebles and altos are as the leaves upon the trees in numbers—and other desirable characteristics—but a judicious spreading of even this interesting fact has so far failed to entice the wily tenor or the cautious basso in any profusion. However, that is their misfortune. Meanwhile the Club warbles on contentedly, and has much joy in the weekly attempts at harmony.

The usual concert was given at the Porirua Mental Hospital on November 27th of last year. Some thirty or more performers went out by train, which either indicates an unusual
tendency to good deeds or suggests that the Porirua folk do not have all the fun. A considerable quantity of fruit had been stored in the home-coming brakes before they left town, but the only evidences of it at Porirua were the thanks of the drivers for such unusual consideration—they drove fairly straight, too!

On December 4th the inmates of the Home for the Aged Needy were entertained by the Club, and a week later the Missions to Seamen received a visit. The numerious trio broke down very badly on this occasion, with the mild tolerance of the hardy mariners.

The following was found on a dirty scrap of paper on the floor of the mathematical lecture-room, and seems to indicate the presence of latent talent somewhere in our midst:—

Now Mr. Picken
Your pace you must quicken
My little clock’s tickin’
   Like fun;
Tho’ you’re going quite strong
It will not be long
Ere of six the first dong
   Goes, my son!
Group taken on Easter Tuesday at the lawn tennis contests.

The Inter-University College Tournament of 1908, in Durham.

Delegates to the Committee of the Inter-University College Tournament.

Mr. Tempest, of Canterbury College, winner of the Net Walk at the Inter-University Tournament.
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FACING THE MUSIC.

"Nemo fere saltat sobrius nisi forte insaniet."
—Cicero.

THIS farce, played in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall, on the nights of 8th and 9th April, in aid of the Gymnasium and Social Hall Fund, had, contrary to modern custom, much to do with the title. Two Mr. John Smiths,—one a Reverend—with the assistance of their wives, some relatives and friends, an actress, a housekeeper, a police sergeant, and other domestics, made a plot thicker than molasses. Eventually of course, the plot unravelled in a manner the secret of which is only known to play-writers. F. W. Roberts proved his ability in playing the lead, in the part of Mr. John Smith. D. N. Isaacs cleverly impersonated the curate of St. Andrews, and Mr A. W. Newton made good use of the part of Uncle Duncan. F. A. de la Mare, who as sergeant Duffell was less prominent on the first night than his prompter, gave the desired impression that he was unwise to forsake the police for the detective branch of the service. E. Lyon laughed infectiously as Dick Desmond and minor parts were filled by V. B. Willis. The ladies were uniformly successful. Miss Olive Moore was excellent as the garrulous Mrs Ponting; Miss
Lennox was convincing in the difficult part of Mrs John Smith; and Miss May Newman and Miss Longton both acted well as Mrs "Rev." Smith, and Miss Fotheringay, of Bijou Theatre respectively. A String Orchestra under Miss Ethelwynn Kirk assisted the performance.

**COLLEGE PICNIC.**

The Ladies’ Hockey Club, having shown how such things should be done, the Students’ Association had no hesitation in deciding to hold a College Picnic, on the 30th November, last year. Four drags and a funereal stage coach left the Government Buildings about ten o’clock, and only one of them broke down before Treytham was reached. After a meal had been prepared and disposed of and the men had performed the washing up in a manner highly satisfactory to themselves, rounders, cricket and other frivolities were indulged in. On the arrival of a later drag a sports meeting was carried out, with much attention to detail, and whilst the warriors were removing the grime of battle the fair admirers of their prowess prepared more appeasement for the appetite. The moonlight drive home was an excellent conclusion to an excellent day’s outing.

**AHUAREKA.**

A sense of immense relief was the dominant feeling at the "Ahuareka" (bust-up social) held after the last day of last year’s November examinations. The first part of the evening was occupied by a short concert programme; songs were delivered by J. D. Smith, Chas. J. Gamble, D. N. Isaacs and Miss C. T. Strack, while recitations were inflicted on the audience by G. H. Gibb and E. Lyon. After these items W. Perry proceeded to express the regret of students at the departure of Professor Maclaurin, the note of grief in his speech being considerably relieved by his Hibernicisms. He presented Professor Maclaurin on behalf of the Students’ Association, with a framed enlarged photograph of the College. The departing professor replied briefly and to the point. It is almost unnecessary to add that the remainder of the evening—and part of the subsequent morning—was devoted to dancing.

**OPENING SOCIAL.**

Bad management marked the final Social held under the auspices of last year’s Students’ Association Committee. The programme was divided into two parts, the second part consisting wholly of dances. No information was given as to part one, except that it contained six items. It turned out that two of
these (Numbers three and six) were dances, the remainder of the items being varyingly subdivided and consisting of songs and such embarrassments. By the time the first dance, (event number three) arrived, those present were unable to determine whether they had reached event number six or whether it was only the fourth or fifth item. They were kindly allowed by the officials of the evening to flounder along unenlightened. During the course of the evening the President of the Students' Association welcomed the new students and Professors, and Professors Picken and Adamson replied. Songs were contributed by Miss Martin and J. D. Smith, recitations by Miss B. Nicholson and G. W. Reid, and two items by a small orchestra conducted by Miss Kirk. Supper followed the first half of the programme, and as aforesaid, the second half was devoted to dancing.

**SUPPER TO RHODES SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES.**

On the evening before the selection of the Rhodes Scholar, the four candidates were entertained in the Common Room at a supper—men only. There were over forty students present, and the passing of the evening was hastened in the usual manner by speeches supporting and replying to toasts, songs and recitations. W. H. Wilson's prophecy of the approaching evolution of the four University Colleges of New Zealand into four separate Universities, attracted as much attention as any other remark made during the evening.

**LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB DANCE.**

The Ladies' Hockey Club held their Annual Dance, on Monday, 25th May. There was a very large attendance of students, and there were not many to whom the evening did not appear to be giving enjoyment. The supper was laid out it the Biology Lecture Room, for which courtesy the Club is much indebted to Professor Kirk, and this innovation was most successful; it gave some scope to the artistic talents of the ladies, and also a freer play to the activities of the men in their wild rush for supper.
Cricket Club.

"A leather ball; a bat; a field whereon is laid a wicket;
With twenty-two poor flannelled fools—that's cricket."
—Willis

We sometimes ponder with vague misgivings over the future of our Cricket Club. It differs so radically from the rest of our Clubs. One has somehow come to regard external failure as the necessary condition of internal prosperity in a College Club—such is the result of oft-repeated experience. The Tennis Club loses every match in each of the four grades, yet its membership increases year by year, and the Students Association gives it £80 with its benediction and a cheering word to keep it up; with the Football Club it is a recognised thing to lose matches and apparently the Club thrives on the experience—the Hockey Club likewise.

The Cricket Club, with the usual presumptuousness of youth has broken the fetters of tradition. It wins matches. At the close of last season deputations from the other College Clubs, at least so we are given to understand, waited on the Committee of the offending Club and seriously counselled them to take heed of their goings-in and comings-out. The present state of things was preposterous—they were going to write to The Spire about it. The chairman of Council also has his fling at us, when under cover of his position as a debate judge he lays particular emphasis on the wholesome conservatism of College institutions. We know he means us. Our vice-presidents have signalised their displeasure financially in true "yont the Tweed" style. With exceptions more or less—two more and one less.

These attacks have been directed at our 1st XI. The 2nd XI. has proved entirely amenable to the established tradition. The degree of enthusiasm which takes them out to Day's Bay, Petone, Johnsonville, Ngahauranga, Karori, Taihape and some other places on successive Saturdays is worthy of commendation.

In the first XI Niven leads the batting averages with a creditable 17.07, and Miller the bowling with equally creditable figures. Amongst the Thirds Bogle leads in batting with 17.7 and F. A. Wilson has the gratifying record of one wicket for two runs. Many people would make a boast of such performances, but we are modest.
The first XI has been freely congratulated on its success. Dr. Findlay writes to say he is quite convinced that our defeats were not defeats, enclosing the arguments which have lead him to such an eminently reasonable conclusion. We have written to the Wellington Cricket Association requesting, courteously but firmly, that the Championship be awarded to us without delay.

Application was recently made to the City Council for the use of Kelburne Park as a practice ground, but the Council, we think, with good and sufficient cause, decided that our application was premature and advised us to renew it later on. We shall make over the right of application to our inheriting descendants as an estate in futuro. Our legal adviser says we can do it. He further suggests that we supplement our finances by applying to the City Sinking Fund Commissioners for an advance on the security of it.

Canterbury Match.

Within a short time the fame of the new Club had reached Canterbury College. The result was a challenge. Preliminary negotiations were somewhat protracted owing to the "leave" difficulty. The question of a suitable date also caused some anxiety—so much so that at one time it seemed probable that the project would fall through. Eventually however Canterbury arrived in Wellington, on Sunday, December 8th, in the year of grace 1907 on a bright, sunny morning. On Monday afternoon this memorable match was begun. We won the toss and went in. Our innings was remarkable for the collapse of our first six batsmen and for the stand by Castle and Broad for seventh wicket. The total amounted to eighty runs. There is a difference of opinion as to whether Reid got nine wickets for thirty-one, or only nine wickets for thirty-two.

Canterbury on going in did much better. McLeod batted solidly for his thirty-six as also did Jennings and Atkinson—total 102. Niven’s average of seven for thirty-two was well deserved. In the second innings de la Mare, who did not seem so palpably nervous as in his first effort, began promisingly with G. V. Bogle. Our captain and Castle each gave an attractive display and the tail wagged merrily. Altogether our position looked better when the last man departed with the score at 160.

Canterbury’s second innings was most eventful. Cock left early, but Mulgan stayed on. McLeod was got rid of cheaply, also Atkinson, Hope, and Jennings. When the last man came
in, Canterbury had thirty runs to get and with Mulgan scoring steadily it looked as if they might do it. McFarlane with twenty-five to go, put up an easy catch which was easily dropped. Runs came gradually—another catch from McFarlane and another miss. At last Mulgan stepped out to Pope—missed—and the match was over, V.C. winning by eight runs.

This is the first inter-varsity cricket match in the annals of the Dominion and rumour says that the occasion has been deemed sufficiently important to justify a reference in this year’s Calendar. Next season we visit Canterbury.

Our warmest thanks are due to those ladies, who so graciously ministered to our thirsts, and to those who so kindly entertained our visitors during their stay.

The Victoria College Cricket Club feels pleased with itself.

Following are the results and some of the averages. (Note:—We cannot give all the averages in this issue. Professor Picken is investigating the second averages with the aid of a telescope and a special logarithmic system, and we hope to print the result of his researches in our next issue.)

**FIRST XI.**

Matches played—11  Won, 5. Lost, 5. (4 on the first innings) Points for 18, against 12.

Batting averages:—Niven 17.07; Perry 16; O’Leary 15.88; de la Mare 13.25.

Bowling averages:—Miller 40 at 9.22; Niven 48 at 9.65; MacDougall 64 at 13.09.

**SECOND XI.**

Batting averages:—Bogle 17.7, Mackay 14.4, King 12.5, Caddick 8.5.

Bowling averages:—Bogle 13 at 10.2; Mackay 17 at 10.8; F. P. Kelly 10 at 13.5; Willis 14 at 13.9.
Christian Union.

"He fought his doubts and gathered strength,
He would not make his judgment blind,
He faced the spectres of the mind
And laid them: thus he came at length
To find a stronger faith his own.

—Tennyson.

The work of the Christian Union, both during the vacation and since the commencement of the term, has been continuous and attended with considerable success.

Pre-sessional Work.

During the summer vacation a series of weekly lectures was given by the Rev. T. H. Sprott, M.A., upon "The Kingdom of God." The lecturer sketched in detail the history of the Jewish national hope of the coming of the Messiah, and the manner in which the expectation differed from, and fell short of the fulfilment. The Union desires to place on record its sense of gratitude to Mr Sprott for the trouble which he has taken in connection with its work. It has been to many members a great privilege to be brought into contact with the results of the wide research which Mr Sprott has made in this particular field.

The chief event during the vacation was the Summer Conference, held between December 27th and January 3rd, under the auspices of the Australasian Students' Christian Union at Trentham. The delegates from Victoria College numbered seventeen, and all appreciated greatly the value of the gathering in affording a stimulus to the work of the Union. A similar Conference will probably be held this summer, in Canterbury, and members will do well to bear that fact in mind when making their holiday arrangements.

On Sunday, February 9th, the Universal Day of Prayer was observed, a meeting being held in the St. John's Class Room, Willis Street. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. R. Glasson and Mr T. H. Gill. The meeting was well attended, and the addresses, which dealt with the subject of prayer, were listened to with great interest.

At the commencement of the term the College Handbook was distributed among students.
The Union has now attained a membership of 134. Bible study classes have been formed in the usual way, seven for women and five for men, with a total attendance of seventy-six. The text-book used is Sallmon's "Studies in the Life of Jesus." A mission study class meets on alternate Saturday evenings at 7.30 p.m., and has a membership of twenty. The field of study is "New Zealand Missions," and matter of great interest is being considered, whether the subject be regarded from the historical or the religious standpoint.

Meetings.

At the first meeting, held on Tuesday, April 2nd, Mr W. Gray delivered an address upon "Difficulties of the Spiritual life of Students." He showed how, during the period of life which is spent at a University,—the period of adolescence,—there takes place an immense broadening of the student's view of life, He finds it necessary to examine the bases of all that he has hitherto accepted without question, and often the process involves an ill-considered rejection of the grounds of his religious belief. It is one of the objects of the Christian Union to keep constantly before the minds of students the claims of Christianity,—claims which, among the complex secular activities of College life, are far too apt to be overlooked. Not even in the quest of knowledge can there be found anything which will compensate a student for the loss of his religious beliefs.

On Saturday, April 18th, Rev. Osborne, of Melbourne, delivered an address on "The evolution of the Jewish Religion regarded as an apology for Christianity." He traced the history of the Jews from Moses to Christ showing the gradual development of their National Religion, and the part played in this development by the prophets of Israel. The Jews expected a world-wide supremacy, almost realised under Isaiah, but overturned by the power of Babylon. During these years of captivity one section of the people gained a more spiritual conception of the Jewish hope, and the further development of this conception prepared the way for the Christian Revelation.

The evening of Saturday, May 2nd, was devoted to the reading of reports upon the various phases of the Trentham Conference. Reports were read by Misses C. M. Taylor, M. E. Gibbs, and A. E. Currie, and Messrs D. S. Smith and H. E. Evans, each dealing with separate matters, so that those who were not able to be present at the Conference might get a general idea of the results of its work.
On Saturday, May 16th an address was given by the Rev. T. H. Sprott, M.A. upon the political condition of Judea in the time of Christ. In part the address was a summary of the series of lectures given by Mr Sprott during the vacation, but its scope was somewhat different. The study of historical matters such as these has a great value in aiding us to conceive the proper setting in which the Gospel stories are to be placed,—a setting in which they appear in their full unity and consistency.

Visit of Miss Rouse.

During the week from 20th to 26th May, the Union was visited by Miss Ruth Rouse, the Women's Secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation.

On Thursday, May 21st, Miss Rouse addressed Women Students on the responsibility of Christian Union members,—a responsibility which was not limited to our own Union or to the A.S.C.U., but was world-wide, extending to every field in which the World's Student Christian Federation did or might work. She illustrated the influence which students of one land exercise over those of another, by shewing how Japan had been the means of forwarding the Christian Union movement in Sweden.

Miss Rouse showed, by instances which have come under her personal notice, how it is possible for the spirit of a College to change from agnosticism to Christianity through the agency of one who, not necessarily talented or popular, stood faithful to her belief.

On Friday evening, May 22nd, Miss Rouse was tendered a reception at the Girls' College, by the Unions of the Victoria College and the Girls' College, Professor Easterfield being in the chair. Short speeches were made by the Presidents of the two Unions, and Miss Rouse gave a short account of the work and objects of the Federation. Musical items were rendered by members of the Glee Club and Girls' College, and by Mrs. Glover-Eaton.

On Saturday evening Miss Rouse addressed the fortnightly meeting of the Union at the College. She spoke at some length of the difficulties common to students all the world over. She shewed how it was the experience of all students to encounter, at various stages of an active intellectual life, restlessness, despair, sin, doubt, fear, or lack of purpose; all of them difficulties of which arduous efforts in every direction of University life could provide no solution. The one solution which
students all the world over had been able to find, lay in faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to His will.

On the afternoon of Sunday, May 24th, at the Hostel, Miss Rouse addressed women students on the work of the Missionary Settlement for University Women in India. She was herself one of the pioneers of the Settlement, and her account of the work amongst the Parsi women was very interesting. The student work in India is under the supervision of a joint committee, consisting of two members of the Student Department of the Y.W.C.A. and two of the Missionary Settlement, with another elected by these four. The important work is carried on chiefly by Christian hostels, and corresponds to the work of our Christian Union.

The work amongst the Parsis is the most difficult missionary work in the world. It is useless to offer them material advantages, educational or otherwise, because they already possess these. In some subjects, such as English, French and music, the lessons given by the missionaries, who are all University graduates, are superior to those obtained elsewhere, and so a few are reached in that way. The chief means of reaching them, however, is by visiting in private houses. In early times the first question put by a Parsi lady to the visiting missionary was, "Are you married? If not, why not?" Now it is rather, "Can you sing or play?" Their fondness for music has therefore given to the missionaries, and to the message which they bring, an entry into many Parsi households.

Miss Rouse also spoke very highly of the work of our settler, Miss A. W. Griffiths.

On Sunday evening, May 24th, Miss Rouse addressed a public meeting at St. John's Hall, Dixon Street, again describing the work of the Federation in the numerous countries in which it is carried on.

Messrs D. M. Lyall and S. S. Addison, the Travelling Secretaries of the A.S.C.U., were in Wellington during Miss Rouse's visit.
Poetry.

"Exegi monumentum aere perennius
Regalique situ pyramidum altius."
—Horace.

VERA FIGNER.

(NOTE.—Vera Figner, Russian Revolutionary; a woman of great charm and radiant beauty. She was condemned to imprisonment for life, and for twenty years was immured in the living grave of the Schlusselburg Fortress. When these lines were composed the writer thought that Vera Figner was still in prison. By a strange chance, on the day after the lines were written, he read that Vera Figner had been released.)

I,

Vera Figner, when the breezes blow,
Do you awaken to the hostile morn?
Or do you live so numbed you do not know,
Like a toad in a granite tempest-worn?
Vera Figner, are the eyes bedewed
That men had died for in the far-away?
Is your face like a wounded soul—subdued
To grief that never heals for any day?

II.

Does the clock in the turret tell you now
The morn is vanishing, the day declines?
Or is all thought beneath the drooping brow
Vacant and gloomy as the winter pines?
Have men betramped through the many years
Your soul submitting till its very deep
Has oozed away to dust: till you lack tears,
Denied the unhappy ones who cannot weep?
III.
Oh marvel of misfortune that a soul
So full of liberty and love should be
Tired, ever tired, to creep like any mole
From wall to wall in darkling vacancy.
To wrap the rich thought of the brain in death,
For never any sound may let it forth—
Oh God, that givest consecrated breath
To holy truth, why tarryeth Thy wrath?

IV.
Beloved of all spirits that achieve
Through agony—Oh miserable, thou,
Who haist all suffering, but cannot leave
Thy burden ever! What is breathing now
But a poor disinheretance of days?
And even that poor remnant is defiled;
For thee that shouldst have trod delicious ways
No morn, no eve, no love, no roof, no child.

V.
Thou caust not be enduneoned evermore:
Thy soul is where the breezes blow with pain
Past Ladoga: there is not any shore
That hath not felt thy yearning. If again
Thou hast all agony, thou hast the crown,
The heaven within the spirit that shall save,
Though earth be cruel. *Death hath his renown,
But cannot pass our conquerable grave.

HUBERT CHURCH.

BALLADE.
SOME WAY AFTER VILLON.

ALIENI TEMPORIS FLORES.
Tell me where, in what hidden way is
She, whose pencil entranced each mortal;
Seen no more at desk or on dais,
Heard no more where the choice wits shortle;
Whittier gone in the world now drear,
Leaving the "old familiar" portal?
But where are the books of yester-year?
Where is the maid whose vocal charm
Might beckon an angel from the sky?
Vainly we hoped 'twas a false alarm
When she sang (by Tosti) a fond good-bye.
Say do we miss her presence here?
Ask of a club whose members sigh!
(But where are the books of yester-year?)

And all the fair that have fled these halls
For the precincts dark of an alien land;
The educational clarion calls.
They rise and flutter a farewell hand,
And fly with never a sigh or tear.
Ah where are they gone, that joyful band?
But where are the books of yester-year?

ENVOI.

They pass,—and elsewhere pursue their way;
Ask not of them the question here.
'Tis only the fallen few can say
The fate of the "books" of yester-year.

"E."

ANTIPODEAN HORACE.

Carmen VIII.

Come, Chloe, tell me, pray,
By all the gods, why you with too fond wooing
Young Strephon lead astray
To his undoing.

Say why he loathes the field,
Who once of dust and heat was so enduring,
And does to softness yield,
All sport abjuring.

'Tis said he never tries,
In Tennis Tournament 'neath sun that mellows
To bear away the prize
Among his fellows.
Why does he fear to plunge
Into the tide, or through what aberration,
Like poison, shun the sponge
And embrocation?

Where are the bruised limbs,
Once black and blue with standing at the wicket;
What is the cloud that dims
His fame at cricket?

Why is he never seen
A footballer at Miramar together
With wearers of the green
Chasing the leather?

Say why the fair youth shirks
His round of manly sport, and what his plea is,
Who, like Achilles, lurks
With what Briseis?

Chloe, you are to blame
That Strephon now has lost all zeal athletic;
He owns it to his shame,
Captive pathetic.

ARTHUR CHORLTON.

EHEU FUGACES!

O lover of the strident Strand,—
In London's roar imperial,
Dost thou remember Maoriland?

The combers croon on leagues of sand;
The blue Pacific laughs its thrall:
O lover of the strident Strand!

On ranges Isolation planned,
The sheep bleat, and the wild ducks call:
Dost thou remember Maoriland?
The smoke curls where the homesteads stand,
   By thatched stockade, and slip-railed stall:
O lover of the strident Strand!

Lost mates of saddle, weather-tanned,
    Still line the old red woolshed-wall:
Dost thou remember Maoriland?

And gifts the Gods held in their hand,—
    Their ghosts in camp-fires dance and fall.
O lover of the strident Strand,
    Dost thou remember Maoriland?

Seaforth Mackenzie.
The Easter Tournament Debate, 1908.

Through the courtesy of the Rev. W. Hewitson, B.A., of Dunedin, who was one of the judges of the contest, we are enabled to publish some interesting opinions of the judges in connection with their method of arriving at a decision, and also their general impressions of the standard of debating reached. The following letter was received from him:

To the Editor, The Spike.

Dear Sir,—

In reply to your letter asking for some remarks on the speaking at the recent University Debating contest and for a copy of the judges’ notes, I am sorry to say that the notes cannot now be obtained.

Before the debate, my colleagues and myself decided that in judging we would have regard to the nature of the arguments used, the order in which they were presented, and the form of expression. We did not feel called upon to decide whether the affirmative or negative position was the sound one, but we considered whether the arguments urged by speakers contained matters requiring careful thought by one forming a judgment on the question at issue.

We attached some importance to order, because a number of thoughts, even good thoughts, thrown together promiscuously do not constitute a speech. Under expression we included such matters as delivery, the grammatical construction of sentences, pronunciation and articulation.

I can perhaps set down some general impressions that may interest your readers. We thought the speaking of a distinctly high order. The speeches showed reading, thought, and careful preparation. The points were clearly made and the arguments well constructed. There was little to find fault with in pronunciation, and the sentences generally fell out well.

I am inclined to think that the most marked defect in all the speakers was a lack of emotional force. Emotion being absent there was little or nothing that was impressive in the way of gesture. The glory of our Empire and its possible decline and fall did not touch the imagination of the speakers and kindle their feelings. The consequence was that men talked of the possible fortunes of our Empire with as little feeling as if they were discussing the fortunes of a cabbage patch.

It is to be borne in mind that the first speaker in a debating contest has a distinct advantage in the matter of language and order of presentation. He can prepare beforehand in a way that is not possible to subsequent speakers if their speeches are to be really replies to what has been said. A reply makes a demand for readiness. A man in replying requires mental alertness in seizing a point and fluency in expressing it. I would suggest that it might be a good thing to have occasionally an oratorical instead of a debating contest. This custom prevails in Leland Stanford University
and some of the other American Universities. As you are doubtless aware the American Colleges pay much more attention to the art of speaking than we do. In the great University of Chicago every student has to take the subject for six months sometime during his first two years. In democratic communities it is of great importance that educated men should be the leaders of their fellows. One sometimes sees a full man who has not cultivated the gift of utterance. When he tries to express himself he is like a full bottle turned upside down—all stoppages and sputurs.

As my two colleagues and myself moved along the hall to the platform to declare our verdict we were impressed by the song, "Three Blind Mice," with which we were greeted. I have wondered since if those young men who thought so lightly of our powers of discernment hailed from Wellington. In our blindness we feel supported by the fact that our verdict met with such hearty approval from the audience.

My colleagues are not responsible for what I have written, but I do not think I have misrepresented their opinions.

Yours faithfully,

WM. HEWITSON,

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**MARRIAGES.**

Since our last issue the following marriages have taken place:

- **Miss E. F. Wedde** to **Mr. N. Whitmore**
- **Miss O. G. Todd** to **Mr. J. H. Burleigh**
- **Miss L. Gilbertson** to **Mr. J. Nairn**
- **P. H. Goldsmith** to **Miss M. J. Bishop**
- **F. C. Brockett** to **Miss M. E. Coulter**
- **E. J. Fitzgibbon** to **Miss E. Gallagher**
- **J. H. Goulding** to **Miss V. F. Tolan**

The following engagements are also announced:

- **D. K. Logan** to **Miss I. Curtis**
- **G. H. P. Fitzgerald** to **Miss C. M. Calders**
- **F. G. Thompson** to **Miss E. O. Gibbs**
- **J. A. Ryburn** to **Miss Jessie Stewart**
- **Miss Mabel C. Seager** to **Mr. J. J. Mourant**
Rhodes Scholarship.

Auckland’s Success.

“O Sol pulcher! O laudente!”

We have to congratulate Solomon N. Ziman and his College, Auckland University College, on gaining the 1908 Rhodes Scholarship, for New Zealand. Such success will undoubtedly give added interest and enthusiasm to all the institutions and societies of Auckland University College.

Ziman has had a brilliant scholastic career. He gained a Junior Scholarship at the Auckland Grammar School in 1904, after a school record of exceptional merit. He then attended the University and went right through his B.Sc. course. He won the Sir George Grey Scholarship in 1905, and in 1906, the year in which he completed his B.Sc. degree, he gained two Senior Scholarships, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, the latter being awarded him. In 1907 he sat for his M.Sc. degree and passed with first-class honours in Mathematics and Mathematical Physics, and second-class honours in Physical Science.

Ziman’s athletic career has not been marked by such brilliancy as his scholarship, but it is nevertheless good. He gained many successes at school, representing A.U.C. both at Hockey and at Football, and has been a University Tournament representative of his College. He was champion rifle shot at the Auckland Grammar School and was also a most enthusiastic yachtsman. As a College man, he held offices in various College Clubs, including the Football Club, the Men’s Common Room Club and the Students’ Association, and in 1907 he was elected to the position of President of the Students’ Association. His musical talents, which are of no mean order, were always at the service of his College.

Ziman is about five feet nine in height, is well liked by all who know him, and the New Zealand University has every reason to congratulate itself on its fifth representative amongst the Rhodes Scholars at Oxford.

PREVIOUS RHODES SCHOLARS.

1906 R. A. Farquharson. 1907 Colin M. Gilray.
Dear Spike,—Such a heap of social news that one hardly knows where to begin! Of course you have heard all about the Easter Tournament? But you couldn’t have heard all about it. It was just simply lovely. There was a mayoral reception and the moonlight picnic—with a real moon—and the ball—I was so glad I had come out—and lovely afternoon teas at Kaituna Tennis Courts—but I must tell you everything in order.

Well the first thing was the trip down. Of course some of the men tried to miss the boat—men always do miss steamers and trains and then they have the coolness to say that we girls always take a long time getting ready and all that sort of rubbish. Why if it wasn’t for their sisters, some men would never get away at all! But the trip, well—it was a trip—smooth and sing-songs, everybody sitting together on deck, and we were almost sorry when we got to Christchurch, where Mr ——— took us to morning tea and found all the tea shops shut.

It was a weary train journey to Dunedin, but oh! it was worth all that for the Ball which was—but there I am, jumping ahead again. I was so tired that I only woke up in time to arrive at the Mayoral Reception after it was all over, but I suppose it was only a lot of dry old speeches anyway. I went to the Tennis; the Kaituna Courts are so lovely and they gave us such nice tea on the balcony—we ought to have a balcony by our tennis courts, it would be so nice and handy.

The Picnic on the Saturday night was enjoyable, but they made us stay by the fire far too long; we didn’t get a chance of exploring Tomahawk Bay or anything like that, but we just went straight from the concert round the fire to the supper they had, and then had to go at once and catch the trams home.

Of course the Sports were awfully exciting and the debate was interesting but oh! you should have been at the Ball. I must tell you about it. It was in the Art Gallery—not in the room where the pictures are, that was used for sitting out, and I don’t think much of their pictures; but the room we danced in had a beautiful floor and was just next to the picture room. There were such a lot of people there and everybody seemed to
get their programmes full—think of it! twenty dances, counting extras, and the music just divine. They played the "Merry Willow" waltz twice; isn't it a lovely waltz? And my partner actually wanted to sit it out! I know you are not interested in dresses, but there was one tall lady in such a beautiful pale green gown of taffeta silk and Miss—[Remainder of list handed to janitor.—Ed. SPIKE.]

Of course when we got back to Dunedin the first thing we talked about was gowns. I was so glad they were going to get them, and now the Professorial Board have said that we can't have them. Gowns are so graceful and becoming, and I think that if we wore gowns and "mortar boards" we would be just fetching.

Isn't it a good idea having a Debating Society for the girls, where we can talk without having all the men listening to us? [The men no doubt, appreciate this innovation.—Ed. SPIKE.] It's such fun speaking, but I nearly said a lot of silly things in that impromptu debate. I think it is really harder than it seems, but we ought to have more than five minutes to speak when we have prepared speeches. But the Club is sure to be a success, and I suppose they will have a jolly dance to wind up with, so that even if the debates aren't so awfully good it won't matter.

I've got heaps more to say but I suppose I must stop.

JULIETTA.
Tennis Courts.

"For ways that are dark
And for tricks that are vain."

Many faithful souls have expended much enthusiasm and more energy, on Saturday afternoons, in removing the cliff immediately adjoining Professor Kirk’s Frog House with the object of making room for a fourth Tennis Court. The College Council had been granted a sum of money by the Government, for the purpose of improving the College Grounds—not that the Council thinks that any improvement is really needed, but still in case anyone else should think so, it is as well to have some money in hand wherewith to carry out such improvements. One evening the Council decided to write to the Government requesting permission to use part of this sum of money in the formation and completion of a fourth tennis court. A reply was received which, after much abstruse argument, was construed as being a negative. Dr. Knight then allowed his ingenuity to become active and suggested that a tennis court was an improvement to the College Grounds. The Council, without consulting Professor Hunter, decided that such a quibble was ethically unsound and would have a bad effect upon the morals of the students. Dr. Knight’s suggestion was, therefore, rejected with scorn and a fourth tennis court is still coming. It is to be hoped that very shortly the Council will have another lapse, and will not only decide to improve the College Grounds, but will seriously consider the advisability of acting on such a decision.

Ladies’ Debating Club.

"Men may talk just now and then,
But we talk on for ever."

That shy reserve which is so marked a trait of the lady students of this College, probably prompted the idea that they should form a Debating Society where their utterances would
not become profaned by falling on male ears. The idea seems to have been taken up with enthusiasm and the Club is now a live institution. Its meetings are held on the same evenings as those of the older Debating Society, commencing at a quarter to seven. At the first meeting, held on the 30th May, an address was given by E. J. Fitzgibbon for the purpose of enlightening the ladies as to how to speak. The remainder of the meetings will be occupied by debates on varied subjects, to a great extent the same as those chosen by the College Debating Society. It is to be hoped that, as a result of the new Club’s operations, the ladies will gain sufficient confidence to speak at meetings to which the public is admitted. The officers of the Club are as follows:

Chairman: Miss Mellsop.  
Vice-Chairman: Miss Barkas.  
Secretary: Miss Reeve.  
Committee: Misses Ivey, Currie, and E. R. Fell.

Wellington College.

“Thanks and ever thanks.”

It is once again The Spike’s pleasing duty to express the thanks of Victoria College to J. P. Firth Esq., for having given the use of the Wellington College Grounds to those who were training with a view to the Easter Tournament. Victoria College is also grateful for the many courtesies extended by the staff and boys of Wellington College.

Women Students’ Hostel.

“Veni, vidi, vici.”

The Women Students’ Hostel, in Woolcombe Street, about four and three-quarter minutes walk from the College, was opened with much ceremonious pomp shortly after the commencement of the College year. Most of the available space had been taken before the Hostel was opened, and at the present time every room is occupied. Mrs Thornton, the popular Lady Principal has been the hostess at more than one jolly “students’ evening” during the last few weeks.

Hadfield Hostel.

The Hadfield Memorial Hostel, intended primarily, but not exclusively, for theological students, was opened shortly after Easter. The fact that most of the men students had by that
time settled in "digs," probably accounts for the existing state of affairs at the Hostel, two students having the whole building at their disposal. Archdeacon Fancourt is at the head of the establishment for the time being.

University Tournament.

As is customary in the centre in which the next University Tournament is to be held, a local Tournament Committee has been set up to complete and carry out the arrangements in connection with the Tournament to be held here next Easter. The Committee is as follows:—G. F. Dixon and J. M. Hogben, (Students' Association) A. H. Bogle and F. A. Wilson, (Athletic Club) R. St. J. Beere and A. Fair, (Tennis Club) and H. F. O'Leary (Debating Society).

Graduates' Association.

"the men sublime
Whose deeds go down to after time
Enshrined in annals glorious."

The Graduates' Association, in order to dispel the prevailing notion that it awakes from lethargy only once annually, when it elects officers, decided at its annual meeting to present to Victoria College a Challenge Cup, to be held by the all round Champion at the College Sports. We understand that the Cup will be forthcoming when the graduates have responded with sufficient liberality to the appeal of the Committee for funds for the purpose. The Committee have also decided to give a lunch on Capping Day to the graduates of the year.

Bowen Prize.

"Many are called, but few are chosen."

There were a good number of essays sent in for the 1907 Bowen Prize Competition but, owing to the absence of literary merit, the Senate decided that no award should be made. It is to be hoped that students will endeavour to remove this reproach on future occasions.

Rifle Club.

"I took a gun, my darling one,
And shot him through the head."

The offer by Professor Haslam, (Canterbury College), of a shield to be competed for by riflemen of the different University
Colleges has been responsible for the proposal to form a Rifle Club here. The greatest difficulty in the way of this is the matter of obtaining from the Government concessions with regard to rifles and ammunition. A meeting was held at the College to discuss the proposal to form a Club and despite the fact that our representatives had won the University Tournament Debate, it was decided that it would be advisable to do so, and a Committee consisting of F. A. Wilson, J. L. Short, G. H. Gibb, M. H. Oram and R. St. J. Beere, was set up to approach the Government, and ascertain what concessions can be obtained under present regulations. It will then draft a constitution and report to a meeting which is to be called later.

College Notices.

"The boy is father of the man."

Some reference was made in the last SPIKE to the childishness displayed by certain students. Unfortunately it would seem that some further reference is necessary. There are still with us some would-be facetious students whose alleged wit finds expression in remarks written on notices which have been affixed to the College Notice Board. Whilst the signature of the authors' names to these witticisms would not enhance their reputation as humorists, it would nevertheless give indubitable proof of their belief in the kindergarten system. It would seem that in the near future, the provision of classes in Common Sense and in Propriety will become a matter of necessity.

Club Records.

Considerable difficulty has at all times been met with in obtaining for publication in the SPIKE—or indeed for any purpose—records of the performances of the different College Clubs. Every year the same difficulty arises, and we believe that in the case of a large number of the Clubs, there is, outside THE SPIKE, no permanent record of such performances. We would suggest that each College Club should have a portion of the book in which minutes of meetings are kept—and such books should be strongly bound—set aside for the purpose of writing therein the performances of its teams and of individual members, with such particulars as may be of interest in the future. Such record could and should be written up regularly, and would act as a useful and authoritative source of information to those seeking enlightenment as to the past doings of the Clubs.
Sir George Grey Scholarship.

Two competitors for this honour, Miss M. R. Barkas, and M. H. Oram, were placed equal by the examiners, and the Scholarship was awarded to them in equal shares but Miss Barkas has since relinquished her claim. Her special subjects were Physics, Chemistry, and Biology, while Oram took Mathematics and Astronomy. To both Students we extend our hearty congratulations.

Jacob Joseph Scholarship.

This Scholarship was this year awarded to A. Macdougall, who gained first-class honours in English and French at the recent examinations. We offer our hearty congratulations on his well-earned success.

Professor Maclaurin.

"The nightingale that in the branches sang—
Ah! whence and whither flown again. Who knows?"

Victoria College owes its thanks to Professor Maclaurin for his gift to the College Library, prior to his departure, of a number of valuable mathematical works. These books, which the College Library did not previously possess, were specially chosen by the Professor from his own library for presentation to the College.
Notes from Other Colleges.

"Qui trans mare current, coelum non animum mutant."

At the Auckland Capping Ceremony, held on the 29th May, the students seem to have behaved in a manner quite in keeping with Auckland precedent. The Chancellor, who delivered an almost inaudible address, of thirty minutes’ duration, thought it necessary, at three separate stages of the proceedings, to threaten adjournment, but at their termination, stated that with the exception of "some raw youths fresh from school," the students had behaved excellently. The newspapers of the Dominion saw the opportunity for startling headlines and wrote several scathing criticisms on the behaviour of the students; amongst others, The Auckland Star was particularly damning; while the local N.Z. Times, (in a paragraph more noticeable for its colloquial journalese than for its refined English), and the Evening Post both made severe—though somewhat inane—criticisms. The Auckland Students' Association published a justification of its attitude which showed such members of the public as take any interest at all in the matter, that the Auckland students, although not saints, are not quite the demons which the newspapers paint them. The Auckland Graduation Social was held on the evening of Monday, 1st June, when various capping songs were sung and Pinero's farce "My Lord in Livery" was staged.

During the last five years the sum of £30,620, exclusive of Government grants, has been handed over to the Otago University Council as gifts for the advancement of the Otago University. No such calamity is feared from the public of the Victoria College District.
The war cries of the different Colleges at the University Tournament were marked features of the proceedings. Otago kept to its old friend, "Turiki, turiki, Panake, panake." Canterbury had several; the most memorable, which we understand emanated from College House, gives considerable insight into student life there; it is worded as follows:—

"Tomato, tomato! Potato, potato! For Dinner, for dinner! Ha Ha!
Hoop iron, hoop iron! Barbed Wire, barbed wire! For Tea, for tea! Hurrah!"

The Auckland cry seemed the result of a casual inspection of the railway time-table. It was as follows:—

"Momohaki, ake, ake. Aromoho, moho, moha!
Whenuakura! Kakaramea!

The Otago University Football Team has not been at all successful at this year's football in Dunedin, due to a great extent no doubt, to the less of the majority of their best players. The Canterbury College team began very well, winning the first two matches, but has since lost two others by fairly substantial margins. Auckland University College is experiencing its first year of District football and is playing very well. So far it has lost only one match, has won two and has drawn one. One of the Auckland papers, criticising its play, made the following statement:—" The advent of a Versity team has opened a new era in Rugby in this province." Auckland has our best wishes for her continued success on the football field.

Last year's New Zealand Rhodes Scholar, Colin M. Gilray, has, as was expected, earned distinction on the football field in the Old Land. Not considered worthy of a place in the Oxford fifteen, he played for London Scottish and secured a place in the three-quarter line of the Scottish International team. It seems only a matter of time before he obtains his Blue. G. V. Portus, Sydney's Rhodes Scholar, for 1907, was more fortunate, securing his Blue as half-back, in which position he also represented England in the International Contests.

The A.U.C.M.C.R.C.—that is the Auckland University College Men's Common Room Club—appears to be a flourishing College Institution. Formed last year "to promote social intercourse among men students," it has now become a social force in the
College, and as such does much for the welfare of students. The Common Room has been completely furnished, and there one can indulge in a smoke, a yarn, play chess, cards, or read at will, and so comfortably pass odd moments; while the Tea Club will provide the student with tea and "something else" (non-spirituous) if he so desires.

One of the annual features of the proceedings of the Canterbury College Dialectic Society is the opening of the year's meetings by an address by the retiring President, who is a student. This year's address was on the subject of Americanisation of the University and attracted considerable attention from the Press.

The "Kiwi" (A.U.C's Magazine) has clearly demonstrated its relationship to the Phoenix, by rising from its ashes to the full enjoyment of a life which, we hope, will be as long as it promises to be successful. It is to be hoped that the demise of its predecessor will inspire the present magazine with strength sufficient to render a repetition of the offence impossible.

EXCHANGES.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—The Kiwi (Auckland University College), The Canterbury College Review, The Waitakian, The Southland Boy's High School Magazine, The Seindian, and the Government Insurance Recorder.
"It is better to spend £4000 in making a gun and then to blow it to pieces, than to pass life in idleness."
—Ruskin.

A. M-cD.-g-ll.—That settles it of course, your word is more than sufficient. However you must admit that this looks like yours:—
  Doon on ma knees each morn I fa
  An’ bless ma happy lot,
  Fur bein’ made vice-president
  An’ bein’ born a Scot.

G. F. D-x-n.—Your roundelay "ME and the boys at Dunedin" to hand. We regret etc. Sentiment fair, but very egotistical, and "Tournament" does not rhyme with "embrocation." "Wet Paint" might publish.

F. P. K-lly.—Certainly young cricketers ought to be encouraged as you suggest, but we can’t get the averages. Yours was only obtained at great personal risk. Here it is:—Innings 9. Total runs 16. Average:—1.777?

John M-s-n.—Re "Mason’s Euchre." The Rev. J. J. North considers it is not a game of chance as "playing fair" and "playing all you know" are, by your own exposition, synonymous methods.

V. B. W-l-s.—Be not dismayed. No harm in standing for every position on the executive, different thing if you had been elected. Re "scandalous" crowding at Carnival suppers—full scope is to be allowed you in a reserved room this year: all spectators charged a small fee.

F. N. M-nsl-lld.—Quite so, one can do nothing now-a-days without self-confidence. You should succeed. Possibly one reason for your non-election as vice-president was due to your failure to retain John Mason as advocate. Other reasons are—but space will not permit—

S. E-ch-lb.-m.—If we understand you aright the facts are these. As you arose from your seat in the Dunedin dining-car, the attendant called "Room for two more." Obviously a mere expression of opinion. We should advise you to let the matter drop.

H. E. Ev-n-s.—Your opening phrases "If I could only be sure that she doesn’t," etc., etc., strike a very despondent note. Cheer up! If your partner had not said "there are more men than gentlemen here to-night" immediately after your unfortunate faux pas at supper, we should have thought it a mere slip of the tongue. What odds, anyhow, there are as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it.
STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.